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DAILY GAZETTE.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

—Miss Clara Morris is still on the sick list.

—A coming event, which already casts a broad shadow: the January thaw.

—The young people of Boston are indulging in Saturday afternoon tea-parties.

—The Sultan is about to spend $125,000 on the wedding festivities of two of his sisters.

—"Eighteen cigars for ten cents" in Detroit. No wonder the inhabitants die off rapidly.

—New Orleans hasn't been left out of the cold this winter, for she has had a respectable snow storm already.

—The Republican Senatorial caucus of the Illinois Legislature has nominated Gen. John A. Logan by acclamation.

—They figure Vanderbilt's wealth from fifteen to eighty-five millions, according to the imagination of the gifted statistician.

—Col. Nathan Hunton, of Unity, N. H., is reported to be the oldest Mason in this country. He has been one 70 years and his age is 95.

—"We've got to economize, or this country is ruined," was the soliloquy of a St. Louis husband as he kindled the fire with his wife's bustle.

—A. T. Stewart was popularly supposed to be the keenest man in the business, but under other management his store has nearly doubled its sales.

—Dealers in bi-valves are spreading reports of an oyster famine which have equal consistency with their cheap "stews." The story, like their stews, is "too thin."

—An Oregon boy, who got to school the other day a few minutes before the master and his fellows, declared a vacancy and cast the whole vote of the school in favor of a holiday.

—A postal clerk in Dubuque opened a letter just to see if a certain girl was very sweet on a certain fellow. She was, and the Government is also very sweet on the postal clerk.

—Miss Kitty Cooke, a daughter of ex-Governor Cooke, of Washington, is to appear as the *prima donna* in one of Offenbach's operattas at a charitable entertainment in Washington.

—W. J. Sanford, the City Clerk of Covington, Ky., has been discovered "raising" the figures on city warrants, and the authorities would have raised him yesterday if he had not skipped.

—Telegraph Manager Barnes isn't having so hard a time of it at Washington. He stops at Willard's, and the Philadelphia *Times* says he "has the free run of the bar-room for his Jersey lightning."

—The Rev. John S. C. Abbott, though he is slowly dying at his home in Fair Haven, Conn., is still dictating articles for the press and also a series of personal reminiscences which are to be published after his death.

—The beginning of a new year is a critical period in every young man's life. If he swears off on cigars and lager the great danger is that he will go to the other extreme of keeping a diary.—*Worcester Press.*

—When the late General Bartlett had been several times wounded he wrote to the lady whom he intended to marry releasing her from her engagement. She replied: "I'll marry you if you please. You've left enough left of your body to hold your soul."

—Minnie Louisdale, the actress so terribly burned in Newark last Wednesday evening through her clothing having caught fire accidentally in her dressing room, died last evening at St. Michael's hospital, New York. Miss Lonsdale's real name was Mary Reagan.

—Yes, a laugh is a good thing, but there is a time for everything. A young Cleveland chap just sentenced to thirty days in the Workhouse for duck stealing gave much an audible grin as he went out of court, that the Judge called him back and charged him $5 fine for the interview.

—A New Orleans mother found it necessary to apply an ironing board to the base of her boy, last week, and passers-by on the street thought a thunder storm had broken loose in a menagerie, but the sounds were only the howls of the youth, and the report of the Returning Board.

—Gov. Tilden was confronted with a startling demonstration of public opinion the other day. As he walked by an admiring policeman, the latter nudged a neighboring small boy and remarked with fervor, "There's yer President!" Small boy looked at the Governor for a moment and inquired, "Is that Hayes?"

—In Canada the railroad strike is over, and trains are running regularly on the Grand Trunk line. The contest ended in a drawn battle, the engineers having gained nothing more than the company was willing to concede from the outset. The contest was one in which arbitration might at least have been tried with advantage by both the engineers and the railroad officers.

—A New York correspondent thus epitomizes Vanderbilt's success: "'There is but one in the world, and that's me.' Such is the language of the selfish. Pre-eminently is it the language of the man Vanderbilt. Workmen are cheapened, pay is withheld, the brow-beating powers of the capitalist displayed. No man gets so much work done for the same money as this tyrannical Vanderbilt. No wonder he succeeds."

—Premier Depretis is taxed with being a little obscure in regard to his relations with the Holy See on the other side of the river. For the rest, economy and reform are the watchwords of his policy. Truly it is needful for his country to root out the brigands of all kinds infesting it, establish schools, and learn that a dime is a dollar, and as much of a one for a poor man as for a rich man, relatively and enchainedly as it were.

—This revolutionary proposition is made by *The New Century for Women*—nay, it is the *Philadelphia Chronicle-Herald*—"Why should not boys be taught to cook as well as girls? A husband who understands how to bake, broil, stew, and boil is a real treasure in a household, however accomplished his better half may be in the same direction." Why not make him baby tender also? Let his development in household education be complete and symmetrical.

—An old Louisiana negro who had voted the Democratic ticket was asked by a Republican why he had done so. Said he, "I done voted de Democratic ticket, 'cause dey 'suaded me. You know I allus voted de 'publican ticket, but dis time dey 'suaded me. "Well, how did they persuade you? What did they say to you?" "Why, dey didn't say much 'o nuffin. Two 'o dem jes' come up an' put a big hoss pistol each side o' my head, and give me a Democratic ticket, an' told me to walk straight up to de polls an' vote it or dey would blow de roof 'o my head right off. An' I tell you chile, dey 'suaded me—dey 'suaded me."

—Hon. William A. Wheeler, Vice President elect, has been spending a few days at the residence of his sister, in West Forty-second street, New York. He is thus sketched: Mr. Wheeler is a man of above the middle stature, round and plump like an apple-dumpling, with a good-natured, round head, sitting firmly upon a rather fleshy neck, smooth face of fresh ruddy complexion, clear-cut features with something Puritan in their rigidity of outline; little gray eyes, set back in their sockets; a well-rounded and retreating brow; a not very high forehead, streaked with hair of beautiful, delicate silver, which has a graceful little wave in front. Mr. Wheeler looks like some comfortable well-to-do Quaker, and there is something of the genuine countryman about his heartiness of manner.

—No lady present at the White House reception on New Year's day, says the *Washington Star*, received as marked attention as Miss Julia Grant, the infant daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Fred Grant. This young lady, aged six months, received in her nurse's arms, and was not at all disconcerted by the flattering attentions showered upon her. She wore a dainty robe of white French lawn, with narrow strips of insertion showing its pattern over pale blue silk. The robe was high in the throat, and fastened down the back with bows of blue ribbon. A gold necklace was clasped about her throat, and dainty gold bracelets, with tiny blue turquoise heart-pendant, were worn over the long sleeves at the wrists. Upon one of the dimpled fingers sparkled a solitaire diamond ring, guarded by one set with turquoise.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

BOSTON, January 5.—The Board of Trade to-day resolved that Congress be urged to extend the time in the charter of the Northern Pacific railroad.

The Supreme Court of Massachusetts has sustained the lower court in its decision that Israelites must be held amenable to the laws of this State regulating the observance of the Sabbath. The case grew out of an attempt to keep a store open on that day.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 5.—A pigeon match between Bogardus and Dr. W. F. Carver yesterday resulted as follows: 30 birds, English rules, 30 yards, Bogardus 26, Carver 25; 20 birds, Prairie Club rules, 21 yards, Bogardus 18, Carver 19.

ST. LOUIS, January 5.—Lieut. Dyer, of the Twenty-third Infantry, passed through here yesterday with thirty men from Fort Leavenworth, *en route* to Hot Springs, Ark. It is not known for what purpose these soldiers are sent to Hot Springs, but it is supposed the movement has some connection with Government property at that point.

CONCORD, N. H., January 5.—Edwin Willis Major, convicted in December, 1875, at Nashua, of poisoning his wife, was hanged at the State prison here this morning. Major spent last night in religious devotions. At the scaffold he reiterated his declaration of innocence. Before the drop was sprung he fell upon his knees, utterly broken down. He died without a struggle.

SECOND EDITION

THE FIELD OF POLITICS.

Gov. Grover Examined in the Oregon Electoral Case.

One of Tilden's Disbursing Agents Summoned to Washington.

THE OREGON MUDDLE.

Gov. Grover Examined by a Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, January 5.—Gov. Grover, of Oregon, was examined before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections to-day. He stated that he issued certificates of election to the three highest electors eligible. In so doing he acted in conformity with the Constitution and in accordance with the best legal authority he could procure.

In answer to questions from Senator Morton, Governor Grover stated he received a letter from Judge Hoadley, of Cincinnati, in which four authorities relating to cases of ineligibility of persons to office were cited. It was a three page letter, and received at the Executive Office about a week before witness rendered his decision in the case of Watts. Witness was unacquainted with Judge Hoadly and with his politics. He had no correspondence by letter with any person or persons in New York in regard to Watts' case. He received a telegram from ex-Senator Gwin, stating that certain prominent legal gentlemen thought Watts ineligible, and he wanted to know by what time the question had to be settled. Abram S. Hewitt, of New York, sent witness a communication, in which two decisions in Indiana, one in Maryland and one in Pennsylvania were cited as being applicable in Watts' case. Santop Marble, of New York, telegraphed witness, calling attention to the cases of Watts' case, and witness answered that he then had the case under consideration. Witness has met Mr. Patrick once. He met him in the Executive Office at Salem. Patrick was introduced to witness by Senator Kelly. Witness knew nothing about Patrick, and looked upon his call at the Executive Office as a compliment.

Augustus R. Martin, of the firm of Martin & Runyon, stock brokers of New York, testified: "It appears from the stub in the firm's check book that a check was drawn by them on the Bank of North America on December 6, 1876, for $8,000, payable to Ladd & Bush, of Salem, Oregon."

The stub was in the handwriting of G. H. Hughes, their book-keeper. Witness knew nothing about the check except from his partner and book-keeper. The latter had told him that the check was returned the same day unused.

Senator Kernan objected to any further questions being put to witness regarding the check, as he had testified that he had no personal knowledge concerning it, and as other persons named could be summoned to appear.

Senator Mitchell then elicited from witness that he was accompanied to Washington by Burton Harrison, of New York, to whom he was introduced yesterday by his partner, Mr. Runyan, who told him Harrison was going to Washington and would give him advice and help him along with his business. They came over on the train together. The only advice given him by Harrison was to testify to nothing more than he knew, or, in other words, to give no hearsay testimony. He did not think he needed such advice. (Laughter.) He had no previous acquaintance with Harrison, and could not say what his (Harrison's) business or occupation was. He was introduced to him in his (Harrison's) office on Pine street. Witness is a Republican and his partner (Runyan) is a Democrat.

Tilden's Disbursing Officer.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 5.—A Salem (Oregon) dispatch says Bush, of Ladd & Bush, bankers, is summoned to Washington. Bush came to the State House about noon on the day polls were open for the electoral vote, the Republicans and Democrats awaiting his arrival with great anxiety, and asserted at the time that he was Tilden's disbursing agent, and the programme carried out there was not assured till his arrival at the State House.

COMMODORE VANDERBILT.

The Funeral of the Deceased to Take Place on Sunday.

NEW YORK, January 5.—The interior and surroundings of the house of the late Commodore Vanderbilt this morning wore an air of unusual quietness. There were no carriages in front of the building, no loiterers on the sidewalks, and but very few callers. The undertaker was present for a short time, engaged in the duties of his office, but none of the near relatives of the deceased made their appearance. The room in which Commodore Vanderbilt died is a large, plainly furnished back room on the second floor. It has two windows, looking toward the south. In this room the Commodore's body now lies, packed in ice. The physicians very much desire to hold a *post mortem* examination, but thus far the consent of the family has been withheld. The funeral services are positively fixed for half-past ten o'clock next Sunday morning, and no change will be made in that feature of the arrangements which excludes the presence of pall-bearers and flowers. Dr. Deems' exercises in the Church of the Strangers will be in keeping with this resolution.

Dr. Jared Linsley, for thirty years the late Commodore's family physician and confidential friend, who went in his carriage always seemed to be the controling element in Commodore Vanderbilt's character. When the Commodore's mind was fully made up he hammered away persistently, but previously to action his deliberation was great.

Later.

The Commodore's body will lie in state for an hour on Sunday morning in the main hallway of his house. A large number of New York Central Railroad employes will view the remains and escort them to the church. Thurlow Weed, Augustus Schell, Peter Cooper, Wm. Turnbull and other friends are expected, but the general public will not see the body. The immediate family will meet at the house, and will follow the remains, which will be carried on a bier to the church on foot. The immediate relatives, the personal friends and employes of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad will be quite numerous to fill the edifice. Rev. Dr. Deems and Rev Dr. Hatton will perform the burial services, and Dr. Deems will make an address. There will be no pall bearers or floral display, and the cortege will start for Staten Island via the Battery at the conclusion of the services. One hundred carriages have been ordered by the family for friends. A *post mortem* examination will be held to-morrow.

THAWING OUT CARTRIDGES.

The Fatal Result of Fooling with Giant Powder.

NEW YORK, January 5.—Michael Mulroy, a quarryman, yesterday entered the house of John Kallor with a number of cartridges of Giant powder which had been frozen together, and set about thawing them before a stove. Mulroy sat down, holding the cartridges close to it, and conversing with the inmates. Suddenly six two-pound cartridges exploded, completely demolishing the rear of the building. Geo. Kallor, four years old, was instantly killed, and Mrs. Kallor and an infant were very seriously injured. Mulroy was badly burned about the body.

Gov. Hendricks' Message.

INDIANAPOLIS, January 5.—Governor Hendricks' message to the Indiana Legislature was delivered this morning. It refers wholly to State affairs, with the exceptional reference to the presence of United States troops in South Carolina, in which he says the Constitutional and independent authority of the State Courts and Legislatures is endangered, unless supported by the people. He refers to the disturbances in Indiana and their adjustment without the aid of troops, and says that a people so careful of their own institutions cannot be indifferent to the usurpation of the rights of others.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Emperor William Forbids German Officers Entering the Russian Army.

Servia Continues to Arm Her People.

The Situation Becoming More Critical Each Day.

TURKEY.

Russia Anxious to Enforce the Proposals.

BERLIN, January 5.—Russia intends, after the final rupture of the negotiations, to ask the powers for authorization to enforce the proposals of the conference in their name. Turkey's final refusal is anticipated, and the conference will then have no further business at Constantinople. The Russian papers are greatly exasperated at what they term the pusillanimity of Germany and Austria.

LONDON, January 5.—There is reason to believe that the modifications of the European proposals adopted at the confidential meeting of European plenipotentaries on Tuesday last were not mentioned at the sitting of the conference to-day.

No German Officers for the Russian Army.

Emperor William has issued a special order forbidding German officers on the active list from entering the Russian army.

Indignant Slavs and Greeks.

A dispatch from Constantinople says: The Austrian Slavs here are becoming more and more incensed against the Russians in consequence of the project of Gen. Ignatieff, the Russian plenipotentiary, of annexing old Servia to one of the provinces into which Bulgaria, according to the Russian proposals, is to be divided.

News has been received confirmatory of the deep indignation of the Greeks at the proposals of the conference which tend to subordinate the Greeks to the Bulgarians and sacrifice the Turkish-Greek populations to the Slavs. The hope is unanimous that Midhat Pasha will be able to carry out the reforms single handed.

Conflicting Views.

LONDON, January 6.—A special from Constantinople, after reviewing the proceedings in Thursday's sitting of the conference, expresses the opinion that the dangerous part of the crisis is over.

The Paris *Moniteur*, which is in close relation with the French Foreign Office, however, publishes the following paragraph: "We regret to state that the disposition of Turkey was not improved in Thursday's sitting, and leaves very little hope of an arrangement by diplomacy. Though the conference meets again on Monday, if the situation is not modified it may even now be stated that the task of England is ended."

Anxious for War.

A Belgrade dispatch says the Servian Government continues to arm, and demands that the armistice be abrogated, as Servia cannot bear a prolonged uncertainty which makes it imperative to keep her people in arms.

Russian officers are reconnoitering the lower Danube to find crossing places, and ships are being contracted for to aid in crossing.

A telegram from Berlin states that it is affirmed that negotiations will be carried on elsewhere if broken off at Constantinople. No power except Russia is likely to permanently withdraw its Ambassador in the event of the failure of the Conference.

The Czar In Need of a Commander.

A Berlin correspondent and others state that Emperor William's order against German officers entering the Russian service was issued in consequence of the Czar's offering Gen. Manteuffel command of the mobilized army. Gen. Manteuffel, although at first disposed to accept, declined in consequence of the Emperor's prohibition.

SPAIN.

The Extradition Treaty Signed.

MADRID, January 5.—The extradition treaty between Spain and the United States has been signed. It applies to all criminal offenses except those of a political nature.

The Cortes

has been prorogued. No date is assigned for the re-assembly.

Roumania Defiant.

BUCHAREST, January 5.—The Roumanian Senate has adopted a resolution declaring that the rights of Roumania shall remain intact, and calling upon the Government to maintain them in a manner worthy of the State.

GERMANY.

Concession to Alsace and Lorraine.

LONDON, January 5.—The Federal Council of Germany has made an important constitutional concession to Alsace and Lorraine, having agreed to a proposal that measures passed by the Provincial Board of Representatives, if approved by the Federal Council, shall become a law without previous approval or cognizance of the German Parliament.

PERSIA.

Scarcity of Grain.

LONDON, January 5.—The *Official Gazette* announces that the English minister at Teheran telegraphs that in consequence of an apprehended scarcity, the exportation of grain from Bushire and the Persian Gulf is prohibited.

WASHINGTON TOPICS.

WASHINGTON, January 5, 1877.

Northern Pacific Railroad.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads to-day agreed to report the Senate bill to extend the time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad eight years without an amendment, except one providing that the company shall not be required to locate its route through Idaho before July 4, 1879.

"Bull-Dozers" Brought to Time.

Three weeks ago it was decided to discontinue the postoffice at Granada, Miss., on account of bad treatment to the Postmaster by persons in that neighborhood. Since then urgent appeals have been made for mails, accompanied by declarations that the safety of the Postmaster should be secured, and it was to-day decided to re-establish the postoffice.

Out of Funds.

The appropriation for the transportation of United States notes and securities for the present fiscal year is exhausted, and unless a deficiency appropriation is immediately made, the Treasurer will not be able to move funds from one point to another, and the result will be the virtual suspension of payments by the Government in several localities.

Presidential Nomination.

The President has nominated G. W. Patton as United States Marshal for West Virginia.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, January 5.—In the Senate a bill was introduced to repeal the law requiring the publication of legal advertisements in two papers of opposite politics in each county.

In the House bills were introduced to compel persons elected to office to take the oath that they did not use money or liquor to secure their election; to provide that banks incorporated under Ohio laws should not be taxed on United States bonds held by them.

Both houses in joint covention this afternoon met to witness the counting of the vote cast for Secretary of State at the October election. Lieutenant Governor Young, President of the Senate, opened the returns and announced the result: 317,895 votes were cast for Milton Barnes, 311,220 for Wm. Bell, and 1,863 for E. S. Chapman. Barnes was declared duly elected.

LOUISIANA.

NEW ORLEANS, January 5.—The Republican Legislature passed a bill repealing the law limiting the supply of stationery to three dollars worth for each member for the session; passed a bill supplying each member with a copy of the Revised Statutes; also a protest against the closing of Bayou Lafourche.

The Democratic Legislature adopted an address to the people of Louisiana, reviewing the recent canvass and election, the action of the Returning Board, the events of January 1st, barricade of the State House, etc.

Gov. Kellogg nominated Alfred Shaw for Judge of the new Superior Civil Court. Nichols and Packard will be inaugurated on Monday by their respective followers. Each of the Governors will doubtless proceed to organize a State Government.

The Burning Mines.

HARRISBURG, PA., January 5.—The fire in the Lykens Valley and Short Mountain mines is still raging. The damage already done is $200,000. It is doubtful whether in case the fire is extinguished that work can be resumed before next summer. Nearly 3,000 men are employed in the several collieries in the Lykens Valley, one thousand of whom worked in the burning mines.

ASHTABULA'S HORROR.

Testimony as to Why Water Was Not Thrown on the Burning Wreck.

CLEVELAND, January 5.—The *Leader's* special gives the following: The Coroner's jury resumed the examination of witnesses at 1 P. M. John P. Manning was sworn. Resides at Ashtabula; is manager of the depot telegraph office at the L. S. office; has means of knowing of all messages received at that depot while there; was at the depot at the time of the accident; remained at his post from that time till Sunday morning at about 3 o'clock; no record is kept in his office of dispatches which might be sent by any railroad official along the line of the road to any officer here; had knowledge of all such communications sent during that night; no message was received by an official here concerning the application of water to the fire; no messages relating to the fire were received by him; he telegraphed to Mr. Couch, superintendent of the Erie division, that the firemen were on the ground; has no knowledge whatever of any order being received to let the wreck burn; he has no knowledge of any general orders, understanding or desire existing between the officers of the corporation to let a wreck burn in a case where lives have been lost.

C. L. Scoville was sworn. Resides in Ashtabula; is engineer of the steamer Neptune; went to the depot without the engine, which was then in condition for use; heard some one say they did not need water, but would help; many persons asked him (Scoville) why he did not throw water; he answered that he had orders to return with his engine; they told him bodies were burning; he said "if that is the case I will set my engine;" did so, and then blew the whistle for the hose, but no hose came. He then went to the wreck in search of hose; could not find hose; looked down on the wreck and saw bodies burning, and said "My God, why don't they throw water;" then returned to care for his engine; he could have thrown water then if he had had hose; had no control over the hose.

S. W. Simmons was sworn. Resides in Ashtabula; is night ticket agent at the L. S. depot; knows nothing of any order being received that night by Mr. Strong concerning the throwing of water on the fire; has never told any one that such order had been received.

Henry Apthorp was sworn. Resides in Ashtabula; is employed by the L. S. R. R. Co. and W. U. Tel. Co. jointly; heard the cries of the falling bridge, and hastened to the wreck. Climbing into a sleeping car, he helped one man out, who was in an almost unconscious state. He thinks that was the only passenger left in that car. He went to the next car and found no one. He went then in search of the day coaches, which are more filled than the sleepers; has no knowledge of any orders from any railroad officials that water was not wanted on the fire; thinks Mr. Strong did all in his power to use the power of man to save the wounded victims of the terrible wreck.

Additional Names of Lost.

ASHTABULA, O., January 5.—The following are additional names of persons now known to have been lost in the wreck: Mary Austin, Omaha, Neb.; Ellen Austin, Omaha; Dr. A. Hopkins, Hartford Four Corners, Vermont; Geo. H. Spooner, Peterham, Mass.; Wm. Wilson, Boston, Mass.

CINCINNATI, January 5.—The *Commercial* Washington special says Mrs. Col. Morton, of New York, formerly Miss Brady, of Ft. Wayne, and but lately married, is supposed to be one of the Ashtabula victims. She left New York at that time to visit Eastern relatives here, and has not been heard of since.

CLEVELAND, O., January 5.—The body of Dr. G. F. Hubbard, of Polk, Iowa, was to-day identified at the Ashtabula freight house, where it has been lying since Saturday. A shawl strap and two shirts were found several days ago which were known to belong to Dr. Hubbard. A brother came on to-day and fully identified the body.

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, January 5, 1877.

SENATE.

THE RECUSANT WITNESS.

Mr. MORTON called up the resolution submitted by the Committee on Privileges and Elections on Wednesday last declaring that Wm. M. Turner is in contempt of the Senate in refusing to answer questions propounded to him by the committee in regard to the transmission of telegraphic messages through the Western Union Telegraph Company, and that he cannot excuse himself from answering the same by reason of his official connection with the Western Union Telegraph Company as manager of their office at Jacksonville, Oregon.

Mr. KELLY hoped the resolution would be adopted. The telegraphic messages and telegraphic communications should not be made public when justice demanded it. It was a well known principle of law that matter communicated to counsel, or confidential, must be produced in courts of justice when necessary to serve the ends of justice, and that matter communicated in confidence as between two persons. Turner had unquestionably been guilty of disclosing something about dispatches passing through his office, and he should be made to tell the whole. He (Kelly) was very confident no communications which passed over the wires of the political agents at Salem, Oregon, would show anything wrong had been done. The Democratic party has passed over the wire he (Kelly) would have known something about it. He was satisfied nothing improper could be shown, but not a dollar had been expended unlawfully and improperly. He was pressed for time at the time, and knew of all the transactions.

Mr. THURMAN suggested that the paragraph, and finally a vote was taken, which resulted yeas 33, nays 3—no quorum voting. Following is the vote in detail:

Yeas—Messrs. Allison, Bogy, Booth, Boutwell, Bruce, Cameron (Pa.), Chaffee, Clayton, Cockrell, Conover, Davis, Edmunds, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones (Fla.), Kelly, Kernan, McCreery, Maxey, Mitchell, Morrill, Morton, Patterson, Sherman, Spencer, Robertson, Thurman, Spencer Wallace, Whyte, Whitthorne and Wright—33.

Nays—Messrs. Burnum, Burnside and Eaton —3.

MEMORIALS.

The President laid before the Senate memorials of the National Board of Trade of the United States, praying for a revision of the banking and of the tariff and internal revenue laws. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Finance.

The Senate adjourned until Monday.

HOUSE.

PENSIONS.

On motion of Mr. ATKINS (Tenn.), the Senate amendments to the bill making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions were concurred in.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the private calendar.

THE CONTESTED CASE.

When the Committee rose the question of the recusant witness, Mr. Barnes, the late Pittsburgh manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, was taken up. Barnes was before the bar of the House, and submitted in writing his answer as prepared by his counsel, the answer being under oath. On answer of witness and all questions relating thereto, a resolution was offered by the Committee.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was directed to retain Mr. Barnes in custody.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the contingent deficiency bill.

After about two hours spent over the deficiency bill, the committee rose, and the bill was passed.

The House then adjourned till to-morrow.

MUTINY IN JAIL.

Revolt in the Youngstown Prison—A Lack of Butter Its Origin—Two Wounded Men Its Result—A Regular Battle.

The prisoners in the jail at Youngstown, Ohio, mutinied on Wednesday night because the butter with which they had been furnished for supper was not sufficient to satisfy their gastronomical demands. The affair had a very trivial origin but a rather serious ending, two of the prisoners being shot before they were conquered. The *Register and Tribune* says that when Sheriff Drake and one of his guards went into the jail about eight o'clock in the evening, they found the inmates organized for a stubborn resistance. They left and returned with Deputy Platt and L. M. King. Entering the jail they told the prisoners to submit to being locked up for the night. The mutineers were nine in number, armed with large chunks of coal, and sling-shots made by filling their stockings full of small pieces of coal. They stood together in the southeast corner of the room, and determined looking lot of men as could be found anywhere. Mr. Drake demanded that they should lay down their weapons. Two of them expressed a willingness to be locked up. They said they had nothing to do with the conspiracy, and didn't want to have. The others howled in derision, cursed, swore and threatened as these two surrendered and submitted quietly to being locked up. Mr. Drake informed the remaining seven that they must submit, but they defiantly stood their ground and swore they would die in their tracks, but never again would they permit themselves to be placed in the cells. The officers knew the desperation of the men was such that bloodshed must, follow any attempt to overpower them, and as the odds were hundreds to one decided to let the prisoners, they left the prison, sent for help, and within a few minutes a majority of the police force were on hand. By this time the prisoners had carried everything that could be used as a weapon or missile to the platform top of the cells, where they stood in a row, defiantly facing the entrance and swearing that they would kill anybody who should attempt to enter. The Sheriff moved towards the door and a volley of stove coal against the grating drove him back. Every time an officer came in sight of the insurgents he got a benefit. At last it was decided to shoot, and after that every time an officer could get a shot at a prisoner he improved it. For a time it was exciting; the incessant rattling of coal against the grating, the sharp, irregular shooting, mingled with yells and curses of the prisoners, gave quite an interest to the occasion. At last there was a cessation of hostilities from within. It had become too hot for them and the prisoners had stepped down from the platform and were gathered in the northeast corner again. After a consultation they concluded to give themselves up and marched around to the front where they surrendered in die form. One of their number had been badly wounded. His name is Jack McEntyre. The ball had lodged in the calf of his leg, inflicting quite a severe wound. Another, Eugene Brannan, had a close call. A ball cut his shoe string and just grazed his instep. It is variously estimated that from twelve to twenty-two shots were fired, most of them too low for execution. The prisoners were locked up, and next morning four of the ringleaders were put in the dungeon.

WATER EXTENSION.

Yesterday's Meeting of the Committee—The Expenditures on the New Water Works—Condition of the Work—Selling the Ice on the Reservoirs—The Herron's Hill Fire, &c., &c.

A meeting of the Water Extension Committee was held yesterday afternoon, Dr. McCandless in the chair.

The minutes were read and approved.

The pay-rolls for December, as follows, were approved:

Office	$ 893 23
Foundations	474 56
Street hands	26 45
Total	$1,394 24

Mechanical Engineer Lowry presented a report of the condition of the works under his charge, which was received and filed. His reports that unless the work on the engines is pushed more rapidly this year than last, they will not be ready for working before next fall. A considerable portion of the work not having been properly fitted, had to be refitted, and a portion of the castings had to be recast. The boilers are set up and in position, with nothing to be done except putting in the grate bars, which it is not advisable to do until the boiler houses are completed. The mains and pipes are nearly ready for use. The work on the rising mains was suspended for want of funds. Three-fourths of the mains are completed and ready for delivery. Work on the chimneys and boiler walls was suspended because the workmen were not paid.

The contracts for the engines and other work, it will be remembered, only require that eighty per cent. shall be paid on completion, the remaining twenty per cent. to remain for a year. Following are the total expenditures up to January 1st, and the amounts still remaining due on completion of the works, less the twenty per cent.:

	Paid.	Due on Completion.
Pumping works	$573,300 87	$85,533 13
Boilers	40,825 89	14,550 11*
Influent pipes	7,472 00	718 00
Engines	91,219 79	39,850 00
Chimneys and walls	7,000 00	4,485 25

*If the price of the mud drums are deducted the balance will be only $11,750.11.

No money has been paid on the rising mains, chimneys and walls, the figures given above in the first column being simply the estimates made on completed work. The amount necessary for the completion of the work under the Engineer's charge is $335,612. Work not contracted for, such as retaining walls, grading and right of way for rising mains, engine and boiler houses, &c., will require $117,700, making a total of $513,312 to entirely complete the work.

Mr. Frank H. Seely made a proposition to remove the ice from the Hiland avenue reservoirs, giving therefor ten cents a ton; the contract to run for ten years. The committee were not inclined to make a contract for that length of time, but made a conditional one for two years, with the privilege of canceling it at the end of one year if they find ten cents per ton is not remunerative.

The Mechanical Engineer was instructed to have the plans and specifications for the pumping works building prepared.

Mr. Hughes offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, During the investigation as to the indebtedness of the city by a committee of the House of Representatives, Mr. Joseph M. Carson, chairman of said committee, obtained custody of estimates Nos. 21 and 21½ of the Hiland avenue reservoir, which, notwithstanding repeated application he has refused to return; therefore,

Resolved, That the City Attorney be requested to notify Mr. Carson to make return forthwith of said papers of value to the city.

The matter of extinguishing the fire under Herron's Hill was referred to the Mechanical Engineer with power to act. The fire now threatens the reservoirs.

City Engineer Dempster reported that there is still due contractor Walter on the Hiland avenue reservoir something over $20,000, and requested that a warrant for that amount be ordered in his favor. The recommendation was adopted. The reservoirs were completed and taken off the contractor's hands some time ago.

Adjourned *sine die*.

Secure the Harvest.

To the Editors of the Pittsburgh Gazette:

Amid the depression of the times, the shrinkage in values, and the difficulty under which many worthy people labor to make a living, we have great cause for gratulation and joy, for hundreds of men are making honest and earnest efforts to turn from dissipation to sobriety, and to live henceforth "righteously and godly lives." The labors of Francis Murphy have been marvelously blessed; so much so indeed that the remark is everywhere heard that the hand of God is in it. More than 15,000 pledges have been taken, and the hearts of the whole community are stirred to their depths, as your more distant readers will have seen by the reports given from day to day in our columns.

The thoughtful men and women of these cities think and talk much of the solemn responsibilities which this stupendous moral revolution has cast upon them. The harvest is great; the question is, how shall it be preserved? Thousands of men, poor, weak, friendless, and hitherto neglected, are yearning for a better life, better associations and happier homes. They need all these, and they must be cared for, or many of them will fall back to their former habits and former debasing associations. Temptations stronger than they are able to resist will assail them on every hand; and if our more highly favored people desire to make the work a great success every one of them must feel that he is bound as far as is in his power to be his brother's keeper, and to extend to him the right hand of fellowship and material aid where it is needed, if he is able to do so.

To this end organized efforts are necessary. Leading philanthropists have measures under consideration.—measures which will cost some money to carry out—to prepare places where these poor fellows who are aspiring after a better life can meet together and feel at home, without the danger of evil influences, and enjoy the friendship and sympathy of those who can assist and encourage them. It has surprised every body who has attended these Murphy meetings to hear what true manhood, what intellectual force, what genuine yearnings of a better nature lay beneath the horrible ruin which rum had wrought. We feel persuaded that the people of these cities will come up generously to this great work.

But what about the immediate present, while mild winter is upon us? We are glad to be able to say that there is an agency in full tide of successful experiment which meets the case. We mean the Ladies' Association for the Improvement of the Poor, the central office of which is at 100 Liberty street, superintended by Mrs. Lippencott, a Christian lady of great intelligence. This association, which is under the management of a number of influential Christian ladies, have divided Pittsburgh as far as Thirty-third street on the Allegheny and Soho on the Monongahela, into ten districts, and appointed an earnest, active and discreet lady over each, paying them a satisfactory compensation for their entire time. Their duty is to visit from house to house, and see that no worthy people are allowed to want for the necessaries of life. Their labors embrace the feeding of Christian encouragement and counsel as well as material aid, and especially do they labor to reform the intemperate, and lead them back to themselves, their families and their God. This wonderfully comprehensive and successful organization seems to have been providentially prepared for such a time as this, and supplies a want that could hardly be otherwise supplied.

The purpose I propose no organic union between the temperance organization, which has grown so great, but is still incohate, and the Ladies' Association, of which I have just been speaking; for the latter is perfect. Still it comes in opportunely to supply, for the time being, a great and pressing want which this Murphy movement has created; and our benevolent people cannot do better at this time than to donate generously to that noble and well organized association. It can do the work that is immediately needed better and more systematically and judiciously than any of which I have any knowledge, so far as its territorial boundary extends. J. C.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1877.

PETROLEUM at Antwerp, 48.

BONDS at FRANKFORT, new 5's, 102.

Gold closed in New York yesterday at 106⅛.

IF the proprietor of the *Telegraph* wants to run it in the ground, he has the right man at the helm as editor now.

WE were in error yesterday, in including the Controller in the list of fee-receiving officers of the city. The City Treasurer has fees or commissions on several articles, including school-tax, and two or three other forms of receipts, but the Controller has not.

DAVID DUDLEY FIELD, the elegant defender of Erie and TWEED, so long as money was abundant, has been elected to Congress in place of SMITH ELY, elected Mayor of New York. It is believed that FIELD is to be TILDEN'S legal spokesman in the pending electoral contest in Congress.

THE *Post* imitates the boy who didn't lie,—and if he did, he told only small ones. It declares the interest on the bonds of Louisiana and South Carolina is not paid, and if it were, the money has been obtained by oppressive taxation. Well, the interest has been paid, and the taxation not oppressive, either.

THE scandals connected with the broken match of JAMES GORDON BENNETT are neither few nor light. The latest is that he was severely cowhided by the brothers of Miss MAY, for reports circulated by him in the clubs, and that he was so severely injured as to be confined to his home. A bad life he is making of it.

CRONIN doesn't prove to be just the kind of witness the Democracy like. They accuse him now of "selling out" Bryan by telling so frankly the inside history of his Oregon experience. They are kindly explaining for him that PATRICK was not authorized to make him offers for TILDEN, but CRONIN does not say so.

THE Irish relatives of the late A. T. STEWART are now disposed to have a share in his estate. One, claiming to have been a first cousin of STEWART, has entered suit looking to the reopening of the will, and a share in the estate. The pertinacity of heirs-at-law for their rights equals that of TILDEN for the Presidency.

THE Democratic Investigating Committee that went to Jackson county, Florida, returned in anything but a satisfied mood. They developed enough evidence of rascality and fraud—but it was all on the Democratic side, whereat they mourn. They were impartially searching after evidence to impeach the Republicans.

SENATOR CONKLING presented the petition of the merchants and others of New York for a careful and non-partisan count of the electoral vote, endorsing the petition in a few remarks, which did not, however, commit him on any of the pending issues. What he said was just and right in itself, and we are of the opinion that the Senate will rise above all partisanship, and seek to settle the difficulty in a perfectly just and proper manner.

GOVERNOR TILDEN has been relieved from official cares, and we learn he proposes to take up his residence in Washington, and "run the machine" there. His object is to manipulate Congress, so that out of it he can get a count favorable to his Presidential pretensions. It is said to be characteristic of TILDEN that he trusts himself farther than any one else. He has precious little confidence in other people, but unbounded faith in himself. This was the reason why he personally superintended the Presidential canvass, and managed his own case. He proposes now to take Congress in hand, and develop there his fighting capacity. The disposition to have the question disposed of according to law does not suit him; he wants it determined according to TILDEN, and so that he enters into the Presidency. The contrast between him and HAYES is, that he proposes to reach the Presidency at all hazards, while the latter does not wish it unless it shall come to him fairly and honestly.

IN the necessary efforts toward economy on the part of the Legislature, occasioned by the lavish appropriations by the Democracy last year, and the falling off in revenues, owing to the hardness of the times, the Legislature should inquire into our entire system of State charities. Our people are naturally charitable, and an appeal to the Legislature for charitable objects has rarely been unheeded by that body. As a result, purely private charities have been started, growing out of some sympathetic idea, and after the first enthusiasm had worn off, have been thrown on the State for support. Out of this method of originating charities has come a lack of system, and the result is, we have the most wasteful method of disbursing monies for professedly charitable objects known to any State. We have, it is true, a State Board of Charities, but it is a fossilized institution of no practical value to the State, whatever. Its annual reports are a mere reflex of the reports of local institutions, and are possessed of nothing practical. Why not look into the charities carefully, and know just how much should be spent on them?

THE explanation of the increase of the public debt for December, and its relatively small decrease for the six months ending with December, is the great falling off in customs and revenue receipts. There was a reduction in Customs receipts for the last six months of $11,962,000, and internal revenue, of $424,372; a total from these two sources of over $12,000,000. The decrease in internal revenue receipts, as exhibited by the above figures, do not show the actual decline in that source of revenue, because a considerable portion of the spirits and tobacco assessed for tax in the six months of the preceding fiscal year, was assessed at the rates fixed prior to the passage of the act increasing the tax on these commodities. During the 12 months just ended, the amount of legal tenders outstanding has decreased $5,772,136, and fractional currency $17,798,866. Since April last there has been issued nearly $26,000,000 in subsidiary silver coin, which more than compensates for the aggregate contraction during the 12 months in legal tenders and fractional currency. Of this amount at least $12,000,000 have been lost and will never be presented for redemption. An examination of the redemptions of fractional currency for the past 12 months shows that of the $10,500,000 of the first three issues outstanding Jan. 1, 1876, only $32,000 have been redeemed. It is reasonably certain, therefore, that very little of those three issues are now in existence. Of the fourth issue there was redeemed $4,500,000, and of the fifth issue $13,250,000.

THE proposed inter-oceanic canal across the isthmus between North and South America, has assumed more definite shape than ever before,—surveys and estimates being completed, a treaty with Nicaragua drafted, and ready to be sent to the Senate. President GRANT is understood to be strongly favorable to the project, which is declared to be entirely feasible. All maritime powers are to be asked to aid in this work, and citizens of the United States and other powers, parties to the construction, are to have free access to the canal. The matter, as it is set forth in the draft of the treaty, has been laid before the maritime powers of Europe, and England, Russia and Germany, it is said, have signified a readiness to participate in the work. The CLAYTON-BULWER treaty of 1850, between Great Britain and the United States, guarantees the neutrality of a ship canal across the neck of land uniting North and South America, provided that other powers shall be invited to join in the work. The cost of the proposed improvement is put at $100,000,000, although it is suggested by engineers who have examined the route that the actual outlay will fall considerably below that figure. The Senate of Nicaragua will meet in February, and if the treaty is in proper form it will be acted upon with alacrity by that body. What view the Senate of the United States will take of it, however, is uncertain. Two forms of opposition are entirely likely. One will be the Pacific Railroad Companies, which will naturally see in this enterprise competition against their interests. If vessels can thus pass from one ocean into the other, the vast freightages from China and Japan, which now come by rail from San Francisco will at once go through without breaking bulk. England, also, may develop hostility. She has the Suez canal, which partially meets her commercial interests. Hence she may prefer that the Nicaraguan canal remain unbuilt. The subject will soon be up for discussion at all events.

THE ELECTORAL COUNT.

Washington correspondents, professing to know the exact sentiment prevailing in the Senate on the subject, declare that Senator FERRY will not, in the absence of instructions from the Senate, attempt to count the electoral vote, assuming in this to determine the validity of the conflicting returns. He is at best an officer of the Senate, changeable at pleasure, and therefore amenable to its authority. It is also believed that the Senate will not direct him in the matter, prior to the time for counting the vote, unless an agreement should be reached by the joint committee on that subject. In the absence of such agreement, both Houses will go into session, in the hope of adjusting their difficulties there. But while the Senate will not commit itself in advance, it is fully determined to resist the assumption of the House, that its objection to a given State will throw out its vote. This will never be conceded, nor the associated idea, that the House has in itself the right to determine that an election has not been had, and that therefore there is a failure to elect. If the House hold off from an agreement on any other terms, or if they assume to declare of their own motion that there has been a failure to elect, and proceed to choose a President, it is more than likely that the Senate will then instruct its presiding officer to count the votes as it has been returned, in order in the one case to avoid a non-election, and in the other to avert the setting up of a usurping President by the arbitrary and despotic action of one branch of Congress. In that event, the Senate will certainly instruct Senator FERRY to proceed with the count of the votes as they have been returned by the Electoral Colleges, which it will do. In other words, it is only unreasonable and extra-constitutional action on the part of the Democratic majority in the House which will bring about the count of the votes by the President of the Senate.

Such is the situation, as reported. From the debate, which has now fairly opened in the Senate, we infer that the Democrats in that body are inclined to be reasonable, and to agree to any fair method that can be devised to meet the existing difficulty. The danger in the case comes from the House; and now that TILDEN proposes to manage his case there, we may anticipate all the obstruction to an agreement that can possibly be developed. Still, there are some reasonable Democrats in the House, and their influence may restrain the rashness of the less considerate of that party. The Louisiana report, now that Florida and South Carolina are lost to them, may determine the difficulty. It is certain that their mission there has been less successful than was expected, and the evidence developed may quiet their exuberance. All these things are among the possibilities,—not probabilities. Should they, however, propose a rancorous fight for the Presidency, then the action of the joint committee is next in order. This failing, and the Senate will probably be driven to the necessity mentioned above. A more hopeful feeling prevails at Washington, however, that there will be a peaceful and satisfactory solution of the difficulty, before the 4th of next March.

THE PRESIDENTIAL RESULT.

The decision declaring unconstitutional the Penn Avenue Act puts an end to what may be termed a speculative method of making street improvements. This is what the Penn Avenue Act was. It was thought that rural real estate would be largely increased in value by broad, well paved streets, and hence bonds were to be issued for such improvements, bearing the indorsement of the city, and payable in ten years, to raise money to defray the expense. Even the interest, until the streets were completed, did not fall on the owners of property abutting on the streets, but was provided for out of the sale of bonds. The absence of all hardship attending these improvements led to carelessness in making them, and the expenses, in many cases, were enormously large. The whole affair was a hey-day festival, no one feeling the burthen, and all excited over the delightful transformation of narrow or muddy and almost impassable streets, into broad, smooth, well paved, beautiful avenues. Land abutting on those avenues leaped up to fabulous values, and stately mansions arose here and there, adding to the charm of the change. We really were passing through an era of speculation—JOHN LAWS on a moderate scale. The fact that the city endorsed those bonds should have opened the eyes of our careful financiers. The rapid extension of and swift multiplication of debt, resulting from this system of street improvements, should have awakened attention. But the fever was on us, and we ran headlong to the end.

Now, when times are depressed, taxation heavy, and the poor are unable to help themselves, the falls weight of these vast improvements fall on the city at large. Its justice or injustice, right or wrong, may be discussed as fully as we choose, but the fact remains that we were lacking in caution, and now must face the result. This is, to meet the demand that comes upon us, and care for a debt that falls with sudden weight on the entire city. The refund in taxes on assessments to those who paid under the Penn Avenue act, will, of course, be made next year, so far as the taxes assessed on the several parties will do this. The important question is, whether the decision so far affects the face of the Penn avenue bonds as to make them available on call, by stoppage of interest. The city is simply indorser, and protects itself in this indorsement by its hold on the property abutting on the street improved. That hold is now taken from it by the decision made; and hence the security, on the basis of which it became endorser, is gone. Whether it can refuse to pay interest, under these circumstances, and determine to wait until the maturity of the bonds, before it is liable under the terms of the bonds, becomes now a very interesting question. That it is ultimately liable there is not a shadow of doubt. And if it guarantees the interest at a given time, and the principal at maturity, it is, of course, unable to extricate itself or to lessen the burthen. But if, on the other hand, it simply guarantees the ultimate payment of interest, or principal, or both, then we have a door open for relief. The city's credit, when borrowing on its direct responsibility, is equal to placing a loan at 5 per cent. at par on the market, and at long time. This would save two per cent. as compared with the Penn avenue bonds. This would be $100,000 yearly, which alone, if put in a sinking fund, with its yearly annual accretions, would pay the entire debt in about twenty years.

The bonds are given by the city of Pittsburgh, but are conditioned on, or given under, the Penn avenue act. This, if declared unconstitutional, would affect the validity of the bonds. We do not assume, for a moment, that it relieves the city from the payment of those bonds; or if it did, it would be neither honest nor honorable to avail itself of the advantage; but we do assume that as the validity of those bonds might be affected, that it would have the power to call them it at par, and pay them. If this is so, it could by issuing five per cent. bonds, make the saving above noted. This would affect materially the question of increased taxation. It is doubtless the case that it will lead to increased assessments on the property abutting on the streets paved under the Penn avenue act. In view of the fact that the assessments for paving constituted a lien against the property, it was assessed far below what it will now be, with the liens removed. Also, that property contiguous to the improved streets will be assessed with reference to the increased value imparted to them by the improvements made. Thus in effect the properties lying on the improved avenues will still bear the weight of the yearly assessments, on account of the improvements made. If, thus, the debt is funded in five per cent. twenty-five year bonds, the average increase of assessment will not be more than four mills,—half of which, we imagine, will fall on the properties on and near the streets paved under the Penn avenue act. And the two mills left, for general assessment, should be looked after carefully, that by economy it may be made unnecessary. These views are based on the idea that the entire act is declared unconstitutional. We hold that even if the decision carried with it only the question of the scope of assessments, it carried the entire act. But really, the constitutionality of the entire act was in question.

A CRITICAL GENIUS.

"Criminations are of no benefit," whines the GAZETTE, "we must simply meet our obligations."—*Telegraph.*

When the newly imported editor of the *Telegraph* gets warm in his seat he will probably know something; and when he reaches that blissful condition, he will be more chary of his incongruities than he now appears to be. With a blundering confidence that is the opposite of wisdom, that paper plunges into a double-leaded discussion on the Penn avenue act, with the apparent purpose of shielding some, and of casting blame on others. "It will not answer to indignantly throw the blame on the suburban property owners and call it a piece of sharp practice," it exclaims with affected horror, and then seriously and soberly affirms: "Understand, then, taxpayers, that you have no rights which jobbers are bound to respect. You must submit to be swindled and robbed, and then lay down and submit to be gagged so you cannot open your mouth to complain or protest. You must quietly submit to any schemes of crooked financiering that may be set up. You pay your money and keep your mouth shut! That is the dictum."

Now if the *Telegraph* is anxious to throw out its insinuations and protections, we will give it a few facts to digest. In the line of crookedness, more money out of the water bond steal found its way into the *Telegraph* than into any other known place in the city. That rotten concern was built up on stolen water bond money. It started, as it now does, on a reform level, and soon was filled with corruption. The Penn Avenue Act, which it charges to jobbery and to people not worthy of being trusted,—was it not originated by Dr. GROSS, C. W. BATCHELOR, and others, the original and later owners of the *Telegraph*, and associates of Mr. BAGLEY? If there is fault in this business, and any one is to be watched, it is the parties who originated the Penn Avenue Act, and the paper that lived through its first years on stolen city money. We do not say that Messrs. GROSS and BATCHELOR did wrong in developing the Penn Avenue Act. Our supposition is that it was believed to be safe and right when it was originated. The property abutting on the streets improved was thought to be worth the money, and the city endorsement was thus made. The depreciation of property and hardness of the times brought the case into court. Hence we said let there be no crimination,—not that we did not understand the affair, but because we did know its origin and its general honesty at that time.

But when the *Telegraph* comes forward and attempts to outcry a perfectly proper expression into an attempt to suppress taxpayers, and to compel them to endure some new and as yet unheard-of oppressions, is it just as well for the public to know that if this act, as it implies, originated in rascality, its owners and sponsors are the parties who did the deed. And when it develops such lofty virtue, in the interest of oppressed taxpayers, we remind it that those same taxpayers will be greatly relieved if it will disgorge that part of the water bond money that went into its coffers.

This aside, we will remind the *Telegraph* that when it wishes to start after another sensation, just a little common sense will be in place. The intimation that the Penn Avenue Act was originated by the financiers of the city—that is, officers of the city charged with fiduciary trusts, is not true. We are not in the habit of conspicuously defending those officials, but there is no particular good in abusing people who simply have nothing to do with the matter in hand. It is currently understood that the lay of the *Telegraph* is to fight the Republican city ticket, in the interest of some sort of independent ticket, and we suppose this attempt to connect Republican officials with the Penn Avenue act is the first step in that direction. If it displays no more common sense in that cause than it does in this, it will make a poor show. Its assumptions are as false as the history of that paper has been corrupt. Through much of its life it has been stabbing the Republican party, except at such brief intervals as it has been stealing from it, and the city. The Penn avenue decision is a matter by itself. It th rows on the people the weight of $5,000,000,—but in the sense, and with the limitations we explain elsewhere. We deplore the decision as deeply as any; but sound sense, and a decent regard for the well being of the city, leads us to say, that our duty is to make the best possible of an unfortunate event. There is no good in crimination, as the Penn avenue act originated among, and the several positions of commissioners were filled, by the best people of the city. The act was an error of judgment, but not an intentional piece of rascality. But where criticism must be had, we want it from a source less smirched with rascality than is the *Telegraph*.

—Certain Monongahela City gentlemen have recently been cremating dogs in the retorts of the gas works at that place, to ascertain how much gas can be procured from them. A thirty-six pound canine was reduced to one and a half pounds of ashes, and furnished one hundred and seventy feet of gas. A fifteen pound cur was transformed into ninety-three feet of gas and seven ounces of ashes. To utilize dead animals for gaseous purposes is a new discovery.

NASBY SUGGESTS A PLAN.

His Method of Saving the Democracy for the Future.

He Wants a Wholesale Importation of the Raw Material—And a Judicious Establishment of "Free Likker" Stations—With Other Neat Devices Which Will Ensure Victory in 1880.

CONFEDERIT X ROADS,
WICH IS IN THE STATE UV KENTUCKY,
Jan. 1, 1877.

The probibilities are that we are beaten this time, and that for four long, dreery years the Dimocrisy will hev to feed upon dry husks, while our natural enemies, the Radikels, are enjoyin the jooey steaks uv offishl patronage. The Radikels hev bulldozed us, or ruther, our bull-dozin wuzn't uv any account. Our efforts wuz wastid, our money wuz wastid, and our powder and buck shot wuz wastid.

My first impulse wuz to give up the weery struggle, and get out uv politix, but I can't. I hev held offis, and I can't relinquish the hope that I shel once more fill an offishl position, and live upon the people.

But to do this, there hez got to be a change in the polisy uv the Dimocratic party. It won't do any longer to depend on printid matter, and speech makin. What is called "appeels to reason" must be abandoned, bcoz the more reason is appeeled to, the less strength we hev. Reeson ain't in our line.

Neether will it do to talk uv reform. It don't anser to put up a man like Tilden, and stand him up between John Morrissey and Fernandy Wood, and try to make anybody bleeve in a pure government from them. It won't work. It didn't work, and it never will. We hev tried the respectability dodge, till I am tired uv it. To do that rekires cleen shirts, and no genuine Dimocrat feels comfortable or easy in em. And besides, when you git one uv our fellows to go into cleen linen, and get him everything else conformin, the chances are that he goes over to the Radikles to onst. I've knowed several sich cases.

We struck for freedom, but we didn't strike rite. To wrest the Government from the hands uv the oppressor and hev a trooly Republikin Government,—one based upon the free suffrages uv a free people—we must change our methods, and sale on a new tack.

Our nateral holt is the lower classes, and if Tilden is wise he will stick where his surest dependence is, and throwin himself boldly on them, devote all his energies to strengthenin that class.

He spent, this yeer, three millions uv dollars, and failed. Now suppose he commences to wunst with three millions more, and lays the foundashens deep and wide for a victory in 1880! It kin be done.

Let him immejitly establish lines uv sailin vessels to Ireland, to the minin deestricts uv England, where a bull pup is countid higher than a baby, to the poorest parts of Italy, and bring over, free uv charge, all that ken be indoost to come. He must dodge France, for Frenchmen hev got a hosliun uv liberty and equality which unfits em for our purposes, and Germany likewise, for Germans mostly read. He mite get some few from France and Germany, but they want to be carefully examined.

It wood require ten thousand plantid in Ohio, to carry that State, six thousand wood fix Noo Hampshoer, and that gives us the Electoral College beyond a peradventure, and at a comparative small cost.

By movin out the surplus we have in Noo York, I don't know but wat we mite capeher Illinoy; at all events, we can make Injeany absolootly shoor. Connecticut and Noo Jersey we kind uv count on, for

[illegible] newly-nevented steel-spring female tenders, an'—"

"Bought what, you say?"

"One ob dese hyar patint fish-traps dat a 'oman straps on an' totes 'round!"

"A bustle!"

"Dar, now, dat's de very name! Well, she tried fer to put hit on, an' ez she hez only got nine yard of kaliker in her dress, yer kin 'magine de struggil dat she had!"

"Well, did she get it on?"

"Oh, yes, she got hit on jess ez eezy ez puttin' de harniss on a street-kyar mule. De aggytashun ariz when she cum to put her dress ober de darn contrapshin!"

"How did that work?"

"Blessid marster, dat's what I'se tryin' ter tell yer—hit didn't work at all, sah. She jess gymnasted 'round dar till dar wuzn't room in de house fur nuthin' else but her an' dot shuck baskit affa'r! I had ter he'p her on wid de gyarmint, honey!"

"Why, how did you manage it, sir?"

"Sho! I'se waggin'd too many days not ter get de better ob a cose like dat. I jess stood de 'oman on de table an' cotch hold ob de dress wid de waggin-kiver grab, an' I had dat gyarmint on fore yer cood say Jack Robberson!"

"Well, how din she get out of it?"

"Oh! oh! don't ax me dat: I went visitin' soon ez I got hit on her an' I stayed tell bed-time, yer kin bet bound."

Think uv that prospect!

Uv course all this will take time, money and pashence. These freemen will not only hev to be brot here, but they will hev to be keerfully looked after. Groceries will hev to be established at proper points, the price of likker must be put down so ez to come within the reach uv the most humble, and where the voter isn't able to buy it he must hev it free. With groceries enuff, skool-houses and meetin-houses will be unjustly, and all the impediments in the way uv a great Dimocratic triumph will be removed. We kin plant Confedrit X Roads all over the country, and they are unassailable.

One-half the money yoosed in spreddin out reeding matter for people wich cooden't reed, wood bev brot enuff troo patriots to our shores to hev decided this eleckshun, and given us the Postoffises this year. I lay great stress upon the Irish, for an Irishman kin git hisself to be a voter, and ask for an office quicker than any man on the face uv the globe. He is espeshally fittid for holdin offis.

The nigger vote we kin git beyond question. A moral idee is all well enuff, but it can't hold out agin a shot-gun. Instid uv hevin great masses uv em to be kept away from the poles, and hevin uv em throwd out by Returnin Boards, we will either hev em goin up gladly to vote the Democratic tikkit, or else quietly reposin under the sod. When a nigger kin be killed for ten cents, wat is the yoose uv hevin him to bother us? Only we want to commence immediately.

I don't know that it is eny yoose to bother with the niggers at all. If a proper disposishen is made uv the raw material mich finds its way to Noo York, we kin let em vote and still carry enuff of the States for nashnel purposes. Still, it isn't fair to leeve our Southern brethren groanin with all the State and county offises in the hands uv the Radikels. There must be enuff uv them killed or converted to wrest lokle rool from the hands uv the Abolishnists.

Ef these suggestions is carried out, ther won't be eny trouble in hevin a glorious victry four years from now. Ther is jest ez much material to work with now ez ever—all that is wanted is to yootilize it properly. The Dimocrisy wants to git back to its legitimit material, and work it up properly. I hev hopes uv a postoffis yit.

I am reddy to devote myself to this work now, and to continyoo it unremittingly for four years. I am willin to let the Nashnel Committy furnish me with four barls uv whisky, a box uv herrin, and portraites uv Tilden and Hendrix to adorn my walls, and I will take any small village in Southern Ohio, an act ez missionary for the comin four years. And I'll garrantee to hev that precinct fixed, so that the waves uv Radikelism will best agin it vans.

Ther may be consined to me enuff emigrats to overcome watever Radikle majority ther may be in lokality, and I will try to find work enuff to keep em twelve hours, that they may pay for wat likker they want the other twelve. This makes it pleasant for them and for me, and the coz will be strengthened.

Let the committity oonsider this idee, and act on it to wunst. It is our only salvashen. They Dimocrisy have alluz won when they dug down—never when they looked upward.

PETROLEUM V. NASBY,
Ex-Reformer.

The World's Population.

According to Drs. Behm and Wagner, the well known statisticians, the population of the world, in 1876, may be taken at 1,423,917,000. Nearly one-fifth of these persons, or 309,178,000, reside in Europe, and less than one-third, or 400,000,000, belong to the European civilization. Four-sevenths of the world's inhabitants, or 824,000,000, reside in Asia, and half of these are Chinese. The population of Africa, which has to be more or less guessed at, is about 190,000,000, of whom scarcely one per cent. can be fairly regarded as civilized beings, and little more than ten per cent. fairly set down as semi civilized. The population of the two Americas is least of all. Natives included, in North and South America the population is only 85,000,000, over one-half of which belong to the United States. Of the entire American population one-half are of pure blooded European descent. The Turkish Empire contains 46,000,000 inhabitants, including 20,000,000 for Egypt and its dependencies, with Tunis and Tripoli; but its population in Europe is only 8,000,000 and 13,500,000 in Asia. Of Turks proper, only one-fourth govern with a rod of iron the remaining three-fourths of the Sultan's European subjects.

A SPIRITUALISTIC FRAUD.

Vain Attempt to Raise the Dead—How an Impostor Acted Over a Corpse.

A horrible affair recently occurred in Ida county, Iowa, at the appropriately named village of Hell's Bend, in that county. About the middle of November one Mr. Heycock was taken down with typhoid fever, and Dr. Rice, of Smithland, was summoned to render medical aid. The patient was getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances—the patient being quite low before medical aid was received. One day a spiritualist, residing in that vicinity, by the name of Frank Biglow, called at the house of Mr. Heycock, won the confidence of the family, and boldly asserted that he could perfect a rapid cure upon Mr. Heycock through the medium of Spiritualism, providing they would let him have his own way. After a short time of consideration, Mrs. Heycock informed Biglow that they were at his mercy. Biglow threw out all the medicine prepared by Dr. Rice, and sent the doctor word not to make another visit. From this time no medicine was administered, save Biglow's spiritual aid. He commenced talking and groaning to the patient, rubbing his brow, pulling his beard, etc. Mr. Heycock finally sank into a kind of stupor, and seemingly suffered less pain, which led the wife and Bigelow to the belief that he was recovering. Visitors were finally forbid coming. In the course of a day or two a few of the citizens again went to the house and asked admission, which was granted. There, in a bed, lay the dead body of Mr. Heycock, the eye-sockets already turning black. One of the visitors exclaimed: "He is dead." Bigelow said: "He is not dead, but sleepeth," at the same time endeavoring to blow out the light. The neighbors then suggested that the body be laid out for burial. Bigelow objected, and said: "If my brother be dead I can raise him to life again," and rising on his feet, stretching out his arms over the corpse and lifting his eyes toward heaven, shouted at the top of his voice, "Come forth, my dear brother! Grave! give back thy dead!" He then kneeled over the dead body, saying, "Open thy eyes, my dear brother," at the same time pushing the eyelid open with his thumb (thinking no one saw him), and with a feeling of satisfaction he turned to the bystanders and yelled, "Praise the Lord." But, to his surprise, the "brother" did not rise worth a cent. The citizens again wanted possession of the body for interment, but the spirituous doctor stubbornly refused, saying, "I can raise thy brother at the end of the third day." Heavy blankets were then piled upon the corpse of Heycock, to retain the animal heat. The doors were locked and no lights used during three days, but what else transpired is not known. At the end of the third day Mrs. Heycock sent word to a few of the neighbors to come and bury the body. They came, and among them were the most stout and hardy men of the neighborhood, but they became faint and sickened upon entering the room, on account of the unendurable stench resulting from the decomposition of the body. They were compelled to bring ice from the river, which they placed around the corpse to freeze it before they could arrange it in the coffin. Mr. Heycock was about forty-five years of age, and was recently from Wisconsin. He was by faith an Adventist, and was highly respected by all his acquaintances. The whole neighborhood is filled with great indignation over the affair.—*Iowa Pioneer.*

Old Si and His Wife's Trouble.

"Ef you'd been down ter my house las night you'd seen er pannyramer!" said old Si.

"How is that?"

"My ole 'oman, she bought a secon'-han' one ob dese hyar newly-nevented steel-

"Last Chance" Gulch.

In 1863 a party of Minnesotians, among whom were a few old California miners, were journeying across the northern part of Montana, prospecting here and there, and aiming generally to travel across the country to Montana. They followed up the Prickly Pear Cannon from the Missouri river, dug a little at the mouth of all the gulches they passed, and finally camped at the present site of Helena, rather disgusted with their luck, and cursing the country generally. They had prospected at several points in the gulch where the town now stands, and though finding colors almost everywhere, were not satisfied with their luck. They determined to go on South to the new Bannack diggings, about 150 miles further up towards the head of the Missouri, and were preparing for the start, when one of the Californians, who had taken a fancy to the locality, and thought from general appearances that it ought to be rich, concluded to try at one more spot, and taking his shovel, and pick, and pan, selected a spot apparently favorable, and remarked: "Well, boys, we'll try a little here; here's for the last chance."

They dug a few feet and struck it rich, and within three years the gulch had yielded $8,000,000 in gold.

Stopping a Horse.

He was a young man in a claret-colored sleigh, a fur hat, and swell robes, and he was driving a clipped horse at a slashing pace on Beacon street. Confident in the speed of his trotter, he paid no attention to the shout of the mounted policeman who pursued him, but to his astonishment the officer overhauled him, and turning his horse across the road stopped the clipped steed short, whereupon the driver looked up at him with a smile that was childlike and bland, and said:

"Thank you, officer, I have been trying to stop that horse for the last fifteen minutes, but I couldn't handle him." And the "cop" smiled, too, but grimly, and responded:

"Young man, when you have driven around to the police station with me you will be able to hold that hoss with two fingers."

And he was.

Si's Fight.

"Heave dat cotton!" called old Si to a man at the Georgia depot. "Ef you hollers heave at me an' I hangs dis cotton-hook in dat beaver hat, you'll see mo' lint in de a'r dan ef a cyclone struck a gin-house!" replied the cotton roller. "Heave, heave! Heave dat cotton fur yo' bred, nigger!" again said Si. The negro started for the old man, but Si raised his saw and said: "Stan' back, charcole stack, er I'll d'vide yer up wid dis saw tell der kurnter'll tink dat he's bin called ter set on de drapp-in's ob a rickety kole lyard!" There the fight ended.

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FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, January 6, 1877.

There was more activity yesterday than the day previously in banking circles. The activity is thought to be temporary, the permanent increase in business being looked for a month or so in the future. There was an increased demand at the banks yesterday for money, and rates were a trifle stiffer. These advanced rates will likely be retained for a week or so, but every consideration warrants the belief of a return to the old figures within that time. Should the expectations of increasing business for 1877 be realized, as no doubt they will be when the political matters are satisfactorily settled, it is very probable that rates for money will rule a fraction higher than during the past year.

The excitement over the Supreme Court decision in the Penn avenue act case was still the topic of conversation yesterday. Its probable effect on taxation and real estate were specially considered. In releasing the liens on the real estate abutting on the improved streets, it was considered that the value of such property is increased considerably, but that it will be assessed higher hereafter than it has been. It is also said that the gentlemen of the Taxpayers' Union who really developed the case just decided will be heavily struck,—they having large amounts of property contiguous to and on the improved streets, which will naturally be heavily taxed. As the subject is fully looked at the decision is less feared than it was at first.

BANKRUPT NATIONS.

It is not a little remarkable that of all European nations, those which at this moment stand in greatest danger of war are also on economical grounds most in need of peace. Turkey is bankrupt. Russia is financially in such a state that a great conflict would, to say the least, bring her to the very brink of ruin. The condition of Austria is very little better. Englishmen of this generation cannot easily realize the depressing influences of the fiscal burdens which have to be borne by countries whose governments are continually threatened with pecuniary embarrassment. For many years past we have been reducing our national debt and at the same time lessening the pressure of taxation. Excepting Holland, we are the only nation in Europe which has been in this happy condition. Other countries, and especially the three we have named, have been rapidly increasing their indebtedness, while maintaining their taxation at a point verging sometimes almost upon oppression. In all three cases the wealth stored in their metallic currency has long since disappeared in payment of foreign claims, and the best of them—low stands their credit—would find it next to impossible to contract a large loan at home. Of the three, Austria is, perhaps, from a financial point of view, the most favorably circumstanced; and we have lately been told by Prince Bismarck that she is much more powerful than is commonly supposed, it is certainly worth while inquiring how far in an economical sense the estimate of the German Chancellor is borne out by the facts of the case.—*Corres. London Ex.*

THE BULLION MOVEMENT.

The London *Economist*, December 16, says: "The interest of the present bullion movement centres chiefly in Germany and America. The diminished exports of British goods to the United States are put forth as a reason for regarding a steady and continuous efflux of gold from this market as probable, and the difficulty of employing money here is also operative in the same direction. German requirements of gold are uncertain, a great and decisive step having yet to be taken by that Government in order to complete their coinage reform and the adoption of a purely gold standard of value. This step is the demonetization, or degradation to the rank of token currency, as the case may be, of the 1-thaler coins still in circulation as legal tender; and the Government appear to hesitate. They have silver—five or six millions—to sell, but they do not sell it, although the market is now very favorable; and the only inference which can be drawn from that is that the silver is kept for subsidiary coinage, in case the thalers are not withdrawn after all."

A SAVINGS BANK PALACE.

The Union Dime Savings Bank of New York, long situated at the corner of Canal and Laight streets, has just moved into its new building at the corner of Broadway, Thirty-second street and Sixth avenue. The new edifice is a palace. The interior is enriched with panelings of white, gray and pink marbles from Italy, black from Belgium, and yellow and red from France. The old-fashioned and more economical plaster is sparingly used. Plate glass, solid mahogany wood work, and solid brass metal work complete the gorgeous display. The only shadow in the picture is the reflection that elegant bank buildings do not always insure depositors against loss.

SILVER IN GERMANY.

Germany, which lately created its new coin, the mark, and which intends to increase its currency in the future, has not been slow at understanding the benefits of possessing an abundant silver currency, especially when dealing with those Asiatic countries

HOME NEWS.

Falling and stationary barometer, winds mostly from the northeast to southeast, and generally warmer, cloudy weather, are indicated for to-day.

Highway Robbery.

An information was yesterday lodged against Frank Gallagher before Mayor Phillips, by officer Miller, for stealing a hat, pair of gloves, handkerchief and other articles from Wm. Manning on the night of Dec. 30th. It is alleged that he assaulted Manning on Federal street, and robbed him of the articles mentioned. Gallagher is now in jail on another charge, and therefore another commitment was lodged against him.

Receipts from the Wharves.

Wharfmaster Jacobs, of the Monongahela wharf reports receipts for December, $684.10; expenditures, $143.33. Harry Moore, South Side wharfmaster, reports December receipts, $127.93; expenditures, $59.83. Wharfmaster Jacob's collections during the eleven months closed amount to $9,483.20. During this month the collections will be about $2,000, making the total for the twelve months nearly $11,500. This is larger than for several years past. The receipts in 1873 were $9,302.62; in 1874, $9,-216.49; in 1875, $6,520. This looks like the river business is picking up.

THE N. T. MONEY.

Certified Checks for $165,000 in the Hands of the City Attorney.

Yesterday afternoon Messrs. Shiras and Schoyer, attorneys for the Nation Trust stockholders, City Attorney Bigelow, Messrs. W. B. Negley and James Veech, trustees, and Mr. Morris, the leading stockholder, met in Major Negley's office and completed the work necessary for closing the proceedings in bankruptcy and the payment to the city of $165,000. The gentleman were very busy for several hours, but at the conclusion of the work certified checks for the amount were placed in the hands of the City Attorney. After the opening of the banks this morning these will be cashed and the money placed in the City Treasury.

THE POOR BOARD.

Attending to the Interests of Allegheny's Indigent—Rescinding Salaries—A Resignation and an Election.

A regular monthly meeting of the Allegheny Board of Directors of the Poor was held last evening. Steward Grubbs presented a communication, suggesting that the money left by parties who have died at the Farm be used for the purchase of books for a library for the Home. He also reported that he had purchased fifty barrels of flour at $6.50 per barrel, and twenty-five barrels at $5.75 per barrel.

Secretary McGonigle reported that he had expended $690.10 for relief of the poor and for office expenses during the month of December. He had also given out 5,290 bushels of coal and 138 pairs of shoes. During the same time he collected $21 for boarding paupers. The Secretary further reported that City Treasurer Macferron had informed him that $18,074 51 of the poor tax of last year yet remains uncollected, about eighty-five per cent. of which will be collected.

A resolution was adopted notifying the public that the physician, Dr. Hubbard, Dr. B. B. Smith, will not be allowed to attend any person afflicted with the small-pox. A motion was also adopted that Health Officer Hoch be notified that hereafter when he has any business to transact with the Board it must be done through his assistant. The Committee on Insurance was authorized to renew the policies on the City Homes, which expire during the present month. The Finance Committee was authorized to borrow $800 to meet the expenses of the Board during the month. It was agreed to employ an assistant for Clerk McGonnigle for a period of two months at a salary of $30 per month. The Finance Committee was authorized to audit the books and accounts of the Board and its officers during the past year.

The question of fixing the wages of the officers of the Board for the ensuing year was taken up and the salaries were all adopted unchanged, except the following: The Solicitor of the Board was reduced to $150 per annum, and the Chaplain increased to $250 per annum. A motion was made that the salary of the Matron of the Insane Department be reduced $5 per month. This motion was amended to reduce it $5 per month. The motion as amended was laid over for one month.

Mr. Martin Ley, who now resides in the Thirteenth ward, and is therefore not eligible to a seat in the Board, under the law, resigned his seat. The resignation was accepted, and a vote of thanks was tendered him for his services as a member of the Board. Mr. Ley stated that he had been elected to represent the Seventh ward, and he therefore suggested the name of Mr. Valentine Backer to represent that district in his place. Mr. Backer was elected by a unanimous vote. Mr. John Seiling was elected a member of the Board to represent the Eleventh ward.

Adjourned.

MURPHY'S REVIVAL.

Meetings in the Two Cities Last Night—The Immensity of the Crowds Undiminished—Incidents of the Gatherings.

It is undoubtedly true that Americans are of a mercurial temperament, and are quick to respond to moral atmospherical changes. Yet they are in no wise lacking in the qualities that make sustained interest in a matter that forcibly attracts attention. Never was this more clearly demonstrated than in the storm of temperance revival that Mr. Francis Murphy has raised in Pittsburgh and Allegheny. The interest he has awakened has not been of that ephemeral character, very euphoniously designated as "a nine days' wonder," for now the work has been progressing for weeks, and it still grows and spreads in intensity and scope, as time passes.

The meetings in the two cities last night were numerous and large. At the North Avenue church, Allegheny, Mr. Murphy was present at the opening, and conducted the services for about an hour. Long before the time for the commencement of the exercises, the church was crowded to its utmost capacity, and it was found necessary to close the doors to keep out the still gathering multitudes, who insisted upon entering when there was no longer room for entrance. Mr. Murphy and a number of converts spoke, and many names were added to the list of signers of the pledge.

The Fifth avenue church in this city was also jammed at an early hour, so that it became necessary to close the doors. Mr. Murphy being present at the opening of the North avenue meeting, did not arrive until a late hour, but when he did come in, was greeted by a perfect storm of applause. In fact the audience almost went wild over his appearance.

At this meeting one of the speakers read Mrs. Jane Gray Swisshelm's letter on the movement, published in the *Commercial*, and commented upon it in a very severe manner, being evidently much hurt by her strictures.

Another speaker said he was in the newspaper business, and was a printer by trade. He learned to drink while working at his trade, and had carried the habit to excess. Considerable merriment was created by some one in the audience calling out "What paper do you work on?" The signers of the pledge at this place were as numerous as usual.

Several overflow meetings were held in different places in the city. At the Bigham street church, South Side, the pastor, Rev. Dooms, presided. Professor Evans made the opening speech, which was eloquent and effective. The others speakers were David Frew, David Evans, E. R. Jones, James Beck, John Moran and J. B. Conly. About one hundred and fifty signers to the pledge were obtained.

A very large and enthusiastic meeting was held last evening in the Union M. E. church, Manchester, under the direction of Major W. W. Tyson. The pastor of the church, Dr. Cox, read an appropriate Scripture lesson, and Col. Featherington made the first speech, urging young men to sign the pledge. He was himself thirty-five years old before he was ever under the influence of liquor. The other speakers were E. H. Dunbar, W. H. Kirkpatrick and Robert Eberhart. Henry Chaney, "The Buckeye Broad-ax" said he had come all the way from the Western part of Ohio especially to see Mr. Murphy and how the work was going on. He spoke at considerable length, and was frequently applauded. The signers numbered 125.

The usual meetings will be held to-night, and to-morrow night Library Hall will be engaged. Twenty-five cents admission will be charged.

To-morrow afternoon the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold their regular meeting at the Alliance Rooms. Some of Mr. Murphy's converts will be present. In the evening the W. C. T. A. meeting will be held at the same place, corner of Penn avenue and Sixth street.

A mass temperance meeting will be held to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock, in the Fifth avenue M. E. church, corner of Fifth avenue and Magee streets. Rev. Mr. Turner, pastor. Speeches will be made by several reformed men.

On Monday night a German meeting will be held in the Methodist church, corner of Smithfield street and Seventh avenue, at which Mr. Murphy will certainly be present.

Keep the Feet Warm.

A ripe and comfortable old age is the result of careful attention to the condition of the feet. As the feet are the great purifiers of the system, through insensible perspiration, so are they the avenues for many diseases. Coughs, colds, rheumatism, neuralgia and consumption often obtain an inroad through the feet. Ladies especially should provide themselves with the warm, comfortable and neatly-fitting overshoes to be had R. Taggart's, No. 129 Federal street, Allegheny. They are so good, and yet so cheap, that no one is excusable for not owning a pair. A full assortment for men, ladies and misses. The price is nothing—only nominal, so are the prices of all other shoes. The cheapest applies with truthful force and meaning to Taggart's shoe house.

Cheaper than candy and more wholesome are the fancy small cakes made by S. S. Marvin & Co., retail, 18 Fifth avenue, and by all grocers.

TEXT OF THE OPINION.

The Reasons Why the Supreme Court Decided the Penn Avenue Act Unconstitutional—Justice Paxson's Dissenting Opinion.

As the decision of the Supreme Court in the Penn Avenue Act is so important and so many desire to see the opinion in full, we give it below; also the dissenting opinion of Justice Paxson:

THE OPINION.

It is fortunate for the rights of the people when a case occurs causing the Courts to pause and to retrace the boundaries of delegated power. Thus the stealthy step of invasion may be detected and the power denied ere it be too late, and a precedent becomes fixed beyond judicial control. This is such a case. The attempt to apply here the frontage rule of valuation of compact city lots to a rural population and make farm property and town lots indiscriminately pay for an expensively paved city highway, under the name of a street, running far out into the country. The assumption is that by the addition of extensive rural districts to a city, the whole surface is brought by the legislative power within the sphere of city taxation for municipal purposes, and cases are cited of local or special taxation for local purposes, as justifying this stretch of power. But seeming analogies must not be allowed to lead our minds astray. Fortunately the subject has been examined in several recent cases, leading to a fuller development of the principles at the foundation of this power. Prominently among them is Hamett vs. Philadelphia, 75 P. F. Smith, 146, and Washington avenue, 19 P. F. Smith, 352. In the early cases the mode of determining the benefits, to pay the damages and the cost of construction, was by actual view and assessment. McMasters vs. Commonwealth, 3 Watts, 292; Newton's petition, 3 Harris, 173; extension of Hancock street, 6 Harris, 26. There followed in the later cases of Commonwealth vs. Woods, 8 Wright, 113; McGee vs. Pittsburgh, 10 Wright, 358; Wray vs. Pittsburgh, 10 Wright, 365. Afterward came the frontage mode of equal valuation per foot front. Schenley vs. Allegheny, 1 Casey, 128; Philadelphia vs. Tryon, 11 Casey, 401; Schenley vs. Allegheny, 12 Casey, 57; McGonigle vs. Allegheny, 8 Wright, 118; Stroud vs. Philadelphia, 11, P. F. Smith, 255. In none of these cases was there a close examination of the per foot front rule, but it seems to have been assumed as a convenient approximation where property fronting on the street was of a kind and not differing much in value. But in Washington avenue it is shown that this mode of valuation is but a substitute for actual assessment. It is there said: "So long, therefore, as a law faithfully and reasonably provides for a just assessment according to the benefits conferred, and does not impose

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burthens, it cannot be said to exceed the legislative power of taxation when exercised for proper objects. It is on this ground only that assessments according to the frontage of property on a public street to pay for its opening, grading or paving, can be justified. As a practical result in cities and large towns, the per foot front mode of assessment reaches a just and equal apportionment in most cases." Again: "But it is an admitted substitute only because practically it arrives as nearly as human judgment can ordinarily reach, as a reasonable and just apportionment of the benefits on the abutting properties." "But this rule, as a practical adjustment of proportional benefits can apply only to cities and large towns, where the density of population along the street, and the small size of the lots make it a reasonably certain mode of arriving at a true result. To apply it to the country and to farm lands would lead to such inequality and injustice as to deprive it of all soundness as a rule, or substitute for a fair and impartial valuation of benefits in pursuance of law, so that at first blush every one would pronounce it to be palpably unreasonable and unjust." These words in reasoning the soundness of these views. That the benefits a property owner receives from an improvement, can be ascertained only by a reasonable mode of assesment, is plain, and that mode is found from the value of the abutting properties and divide the cost by an equal charge per foot front upon each, is not an assessment of advantages, but simply an arbitrary mode of charging is equally plain. Therefore, to be just and equally fair, to each, it is evident all the lots must be similar in like, or reasonably equal circumstances; otherwise the charge is an exaction, not a fair assessment. The cases of frontage cited so far a discovered, were of city lots in close proximation. The frontage rule, when applied to such cases, is not denied. As remarked in Washington avenue: "Whatever doubt might have been originally entertained of it as a substitute, which is only in fact actual assessment by jurors or assessors under oath, it has been so often sanctioned by decision it would ill become us now to unsettle its foundation by disturbing the principle." These remarks [illegible] to test the [illegible] The law under which the [illegible] was peculiar in some respects, as [illegible] January. It was passed April 2, 1870; P. L., 796.

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is that it gives power to a majority of the abutting owners on Penn avenue, between St. Mary's avenue and the eastern boundary of the city of Pittsburgh, a distance of about three miles, to [illegible] five citizens, without any previous ordinance or subsequent control of the city. The only assent of the city required was its approval of the act before its taking effect. Then the Commissioners were to determine the kind of pavement, contract for the work, make requisitions on the city for bonds and sell them to raise money to pay the contractors. When the avenue was completed it would come under the city control. The Commissioners were to ascertain, on completion, the entire amount of bonds sold by them and the interest, and that should be taken to be the cost of the improvement and assessed per foot front upon the abutting properties. They were to give notice, and within twenty days might correct errors. After that their judgment becomes final without appeal.

Now, though technically it may be said the improvement was made under municipal authority, because of the general approval of the act by the city, yet in fact the improvement is made by the property owners, the minority *nolens volens*. It is, perhaps, not beyond the power of the Legislature to authorize the work to be done by such a commission, but it will be seen that practically the voice of the property owner who objects to be thus charged with the expense, is not heard, even through his representatives in the City Council. The municipal authority cannot even intervene for his protection. Now, without citing a decision on these harsh features of the law, they constitute strong reasons for a rigid examination into the power of the Legislature to authorize the frontage rule to be applied to this case. The east end of Penn avenue, upon which this improvement is made, extends from St. Mary's Cemetery, near the United States Arsenal, eastward for about three miles, as shown by the distances upon the plot made part of the stated case; passing in that distance the grounds of several cemeteries and through lands, partly farms, partly large rural residences, partly smaller and partly the lots of several hamlets and villages, which were taken into the city territory. This avenue is a broad, wood paved highway, after the manner of a city street, and its cost as evinced by the bonds issued, was $356,500, while the cost per foot front, as evidenced by the map and the charge, was within a small fraction of $10; the defendant's lot being 3,536-100 feet front, and his assessments $1,073.84.

NATURE OF THE BONDS.

The bonds which, under the seventeenth section, were made the cost of the improvement, were made up of the contract price and the incidental expenses. The contractors were to be let by the Commissioners without supervision of the law Court, or for settlement of their account, and the expenses were such as might be determined by the Commissioners to be incidental and subject to no review. The Commissioners were, no doubt, perfectly honest, and so far as their personal supervision went, their duties were performed, no doubt, faithfully. Yet such a system, which subjects the property holders to jobbing contracts and ingenious expedients and benefit such as the contractors may think of for their own profit, is not a system of [illegible] nusettle its foundation by disregarding the principle." These remarks [illegible] to test the [illegible]

[illegible] village through which the line passes, be made to pay his per footcharge of the entire route. The principle of such a system is wrong, and therefore cannot be applied even to the village lot owner. If the rural portions of the route be exempt, as clearly they must be, then must all others be also, for the system itself is founded on a general error. If this case be examined closely what is it but a repetition of the Harriet or Broad street case in principle, differing only in form. Penn avenue, like Broad street, is a grand thoroughfare designed for the use of the people of the city proper, where they may ride out into the country for pleasure or profit; that it is a great useful public improvement, so long as its wooden pavement lasts, no one will deny. But it is this very public character for general use, and not for local benefit through the farms and along the cemeteries, which should protect the owners along the route from special taxation. More literally and directly the case is governed by the case of the Washington avenue, and it resembles more closely in form and fact.

REPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION.

More than once lately we have had occasion to reprehend that legislation which seeks to cast the burdens of the public on the shoulders of individuals, often bringing ruin on men of moderate means. Such legislation is too often the result of designing schemers to promote their selfish ends. We may, therefore, say that while the frontage rate is conceded to be a legal mode of assessment, when properly applied, it is not to be used as an arbitrary mode of casting the public burdens upon the property of individuals.

To prevent any misconception of the facts, we may add before closing, that they came up as a stated case, in the form of a bill in equity with the usual prayer that the defendants' premises are situated in such rural district. The plan hereto attached is the assessment plan for said improvements, and is made part hereof." The plan referred to includes large tracts of land, fronting on the avenue, whose lines and measurements noted prove that they are not city lots. For example, St. Mary's Cemetery fronts 1,000 feet, Philip Winebiddle's property 1,261 on one side and 2,427 feet on the other. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company's land 1,825. Then we find many tracts fronting 300 to 400 feet, 400 to 500, 500 to 600, 600 to 700, 700 to 800, 800 to 1,000. The facts of the case, therefore distinctly appear, and we ought not, of our own motion to quash the case.

The judgment of the Court below is, therefore, reversed, and judgment is now entered for defendant for costs.

JUDGE PAXSON'S DISSENTING OPINION.

I do not concur in the judgment. Owing to the meagre presentation of the facts I have found it difficult to come to an intelligent conclusion. The bill filed from the case stated that "the line of said improvements in part runs through what is called the rural or suburban part of the city, and defendant's premises are situated in such rural district." This bald statement, with a plan that furnishes little practical information, is all we have upon which to base a decision of vast importance, both in its principle and immediate results flowing therefrom. The case as it appears to my mind, is one in which we ought to have the fullest information.

There is another matter which it is proper to refer to. It is alleged in the counter statement of the defendant in error and not denied, "that no property owner along the line of any streets or avenues improved under this system has in any manner formally objected to the improvements while they were in process; that the improvements were under the direct and exclusive direction of the persons directly interested, to wit: the property owners; and that should this case be reversed it would practically add over $5,000,000 to the debt of the city of Pittsburgh." If the fact be that this plaintiff was among those who were eagerly clamoring for the benefits of this system, and [illegible] peace while the improvements were in progress, it is an answer to so much of his case as is based upon the allegation of its special hardships. It is idle to say that the improvements referred to were of no benefit to him. Having received the benefit, and having stood by while the improvements were made without interposing an objection, knowing that his property was to be assessed for its *pro rata* share of the expense, he is in no position to complain. He would be estopped from doing so in an equitable proceeding. He may not be estopped from setting up his defense at law, but it furnishes a reason why this Court should move with caution, and act only with all the lights that can be thrown upon the case. For the reasons given I would quash the case stated.

THE LAST MEETING.

Final Convening of the Common Council—The Desk Cleared for the New Year—Ordinances Passed.

The final meeting of the Common Council was held yesterday afternoon. In the absence of President Negley, Mr. John A. Fox was called to the chair. Clerk Booth occupied the desk.

A quorum was not obtained until a few minutes after three o'clock, when there were present Messrs. Atcheson, Dickson, Ehrenfeld, Fox, Fullerton, Gallagher, Hughes, Kirchner, Langhran, Mears, McClarran, Nantker, Neeb, Nisbet, Rahauser, Reynolds, Roth, Rott, Torrence, Voskamp.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Mr. RAHAUSER, from the Committee on Surveys, presented the report of that committee for December. Received and filed.

Mr. DICKSON presented the report of the Printing Committee for December. Received and filed.

Mr. NEEB presented the report of the Police Committee for December. Received and filed.

A resolution authorizing the Controller to exonerate the property owners on Duquesne Way from the payment of one-half the cost of the improvement of that street was laid on the table, on motion of Mr. NISBET.

An ordinance fixing the salary of the Message Clerk of Councils at $500 per annum was passed finally.

An ordinance granting Elizabeth McCanoughy privilege to erect a frame addition to her outbuildings, was passed finally.

An ordinance granting W. H. Daly privilege to erect a frame building, was passed finally.

A number of resolutions from Select Council providing for the transfer of funds from one appropriation to another, was concurred in.

Mr. NANTKER presented a resolution for a flag stone crossing on Ross street at High. Referred.

Chairman FOX appointed Mr. NISBET to fill a vacancy on the Water Committee occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Flinn.

There being nothing further before this branch it adjourned. This is the last meeting of old Councils, but so as not to kill the committees the branch did not adjourn *sine die*.

MOST EXCELLENT VALUE.

One Lot of 75 Pieces of SPRING AND SUMMER SILK

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Which prevailed during the early part of last season, which is now 33 to 50 per cent. lower than the same quality of silks will be sold at thirty to sixty days hence. The styles are as follows:

Black and White Stripes;
Black and White Checks;
White and Black Checks;
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Dark Colored Checks and Stripes at 90c to $1.25 per yard.
Light Stripes at 75c to 90c per yard.
Also, a lot of Fancy Brocades, in Light Blue, Pink, Ecru and Cream, at $1.50 per yard; together with some beautiful effects in Fancy Brocades, colored mixtures, at

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107 and 109 Penn avenue.

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The Domestic Messenger System, now introduced in this city, should receive the support and encouragement of our citizens. Those desiring information of its workings will be cheerfully gratified by calling on Mr. Kerbey, the manager of the Atlantic & Pacific, and can witness for themselves its astonishing fast working. By simply touching a knob a system of clockwork work in motion at the Atlantic & Pacific main office, which carries a white paper ribbon, chemically prepared, that is discolored by the delicate current of electricity, recording indelibly the number of the box from which the call was made. The beauty of the system, of which the Domest c ows a the exclusive patent, is that it is entirely automatic, requiring no attention to receive calls, which are made their mark in the tell-tale paper at all times.

The Precise Place

to get cheap and fashionable head gear is at the Hat, Cap and Fur House of Thos. J. Barnes, No. 117 Wood street. The ladies are hereby notified that furs can be bought cheaper at 117 Wood street than at any other house in the city.

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A sweet as the breeze from the spicy south,
Which laden with sighs of orange blossoms comes;
You ask me to write of her teeth and her gumms;
You ask me to write—but really I won't;
'Tis enough that she uses SOZODONT.

Pennsylvania Female College.

The next term will open January 3rd. Grammar School department same date. For information apply to the President,

THOMAS C. STRONG.

The Grand Central Hotel, the largest in New York, has made another innovation, and "tumbled" its rates from $4.00 to $2.50 and $3.00 per day.

Men's Seal

Caps selling cheap at Jos. Horne & Co.'s, retail, 107 and 109 Penn avenue.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Brief Notes of Matters Personal and Otherwise.

THE week of prayer will be observed in nearly all the churches next week.

"SERVICE of song" for young men tonight at 7:45 o'clock, at the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

PROF. THOMAS C. STRONG, D. D., will preach in the Third Presbyterian church to-morrow morning and evening.

REV. J. R. KYLE, pastor, will preach tomorrow at 10:30 and 3 o'clock, in the Second U. P. church, Sixth avenue.

THE temperance meetings in many of our churches have taken the place of the usual winter evening revival meetings.

THE Rev. Dr. C. E. Felton will preach in Christ M. E. church, Penn avenue, to-morrow morning on "Christian Fellowship."

REV. SAMUEL CARLISLE, of New York city, will preach to-morrow morning and evening in the Second Presbyterian church (late Dr. Howard's).

REV. F. LEROY SENOUR will preach tomorrow evening in the Central Presbyterian church, Smithfield street, on "The Bible Idea of Temperance."

REV. W. H. GILL will preach at the Central Presbyterian church, Anderson street, Allegheny, to-morrow evening on "The Ashtabula Bridge Disaster."

THE last of the series of sermons on the millennium will be delivered in the Central R. P. church, Allegheny, by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Sproull, on to-morrow evening.

A WRITER discusses the indelicacy of a congregation making its pastor an ostentatious present, when at the same time it is in arrears with his salary. That is a hard hit.

REV. HENRY D. CHANCE, known as "Buckeye Broad Ax" will preach on temperance to morrow evening at 7½ o'clock, at Wesley chapel, Rev. J. H. Rogers, pastor.

AT the Sandusky street Baptist church, Allegheny, to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. B. F. Woodburn, will discourse on "A New Life for the New Year."

SERVICES will be held every evening next week in the North avenue M. E. Church, Allegheny, Rev. Dr. Vernon pastor,—the week of prayer being thus observed.

THE friends of Rev. J. S. Wrightnour, of the Penn Avenue Baptist Church, made him a donation visit on the evening of "New Years," by which his larder was largely increased.

COMMUNION services will be held in the Eleventh U. P. Church, Thirty-sixth ward, to-morrow morning. Rev. Marcus Ormond, of West Alexandria, will preach in the evening on "The Great Question of the Day."

THE Connellsville mission has been organized as a congregation, and is now added to the list of congregations of Westmoreland U. P. Presbytery. Thirty congregations are now under the care of this Presbytery.

REV. HENRY D. CHANCE, known everywhere as the "Buckeye Broad Ax" will preach a temperance sermon at Simpson's chapel M. E. church, to-morrow at 10½ o'clock, and lecture on temperance Monday evening at 7½ o'clock.

THE Rev. J. M. Johnston, of the Fifth U. P. church, will preach in the First R. P. church, Oak alley, to-morrow morning, and in the afternoon at 2½ o'clock. The Sabbath school will meet at 2 P. M., instead of the afternoon as heretofore.

THE revival at Wilkinsburg M. E. Church, Rev. W. D. Sleeth pastor, is more extensive than any held here for many years. Over eighty have been converted, all of whom are adults except one boy thirteen years old. The majority of accessions are heads of families.

REV. R. W. PEARSON, D. D., will administer the communion and receive new members at the Fourth avenue Baptist church to-morrow. Evening sermon on "The Missing Cup Found." There will be services every night next week.

THE Bible class in the Wilkinsburg M. E. Sunday school, on Christmas Day, presented their teacher, Miss Lizzie Reese, with a very fine ebony gold-headed cane. On New Year's day there was also a donation party, at which the pastor received $40 and a large stock of edibles.

THE Ministerial Association will meet next Monday afternoon in the lecture room of the First Presbyterian church. The subject for discussion will be "What are the Teachings of the Bible in Regard to Lay Preaching?" To be opened by Rev. C. E. Felton, D. D., of Christ church.

REV. C. E. FELTON, D. D., pastor of Christ M. E. church, will deliver an address to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock, in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. This is the third lecture in the series addressed to Christian workers. Its subject is "The field for Christian work open to us."

REV. DR. J. J. MURRAY will preach in the Fifth Avenue Methodist church to-morrow morning a sermon appropriate to the communion service to follow, on the subject, "Hold fast, till I come, and in the evening on "The Jesus' Power over the Nations and the Morning Star."

LET the new year be marked by the thoughtfulness and devotion which become Christians, that it may thus be consecrated in advance to God and duty. It is the opening up of a period of great opportunity, but also of great responsibility, and in eternity we shall be called to give an account of the way in which we use it.

REV. T. H. COLHOUN, pastor of the First Methodist Protestant church, Union avenue, Allegheny, will preach to-morrow morning on the "Pilgrimage of Life." At 3 o'clock a temperance inquiry meeting will be held in the lecture room, and in the evening a Murphy's temperance meeting, to be addressed by Prof. W. M. Evans, H. B. Smithson, and others.

THE forty-second anniversary of the Sandusky street Baptist Sabbath school, Allegheny, will be held to-morrow afternoon at two o'clock. The annual reports of the Home Missionary and Mission schools will be read by their respective Superintendents. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. S. M. Vernon, D. D., Rev. L. McGuire and Rev. B. F. Woodburn. The anniversary exercises will be continued in the evening at 7½ o'clock, when addresses will be made by Rev. S. J. Wilson, D. D., and others.

H. K. PORTER, ESQ., will lead the Sunday School teachers' meeting to-day at the Y. M. C. A. rooms, No. 33 Fifth avenue. The meeting will commence from 12 to 12:45 o'clock, and immediately upon its close a meeting of the Sunday School Superintendents and teachers will be held to take some action in reference to the request of Mr. Moody, that the Sunday Schools of the country take up a collection on Sunday, January 14th, for the benefit of the children of the late Mr. Bliss.

BETTER to have made them, even if you have gone wrong from the outset. Now put yourself right and begin anew. Live by the day, the hour, and do not trouble yourself about the many months of the year in which you may possibly fall out by the way. Possibly the Father will take you home before those months are yours. Be patient and watch every day as it goes, that it carries some good deed to God from you. Continue from this moment to strive against sin, and your whole year, finished on earth or in heaven, will be a good one.—*Methodist Recorder.*

THE "Week of Prayer" according to annual custom, will be observed at the Union Wood Prayer meeting, held daily at the Y. M. C. A., rooms from 12 to 12:15 o'clock, the meetings being led by ministers representing the different denominations. The following is the programme for the week: Monday, January 8th, Rev. A. Templeton, "Thanksgiving and Confession." Tuesday, January 9th, Rev. Alfred Wheeler, D. D., "Prayer for the Church of Christ." Wednesday, January 10th, Rev. J. R. Kyle, "Prayer for the Unconverted." Thursday, January 11th, Rev. W. T. Beatty, "Prayer for God's Blessing upon our own City." Friday, January 12th, Rev. T. L. Colhoner, "Prayer for Christian Missions." Saturday, January 13th, Rev. J. Gillespie, "The Sin of Jeroboam," 1st Kings 12: 25-33. Sunday school lesson for next day. Written requests for prayer for unconverted friends may be presented at the meeting held on Wednesday, January 10th.

A New Warm Air Furnace.

We bespeak the attention of house owners and house builders to a hot air furnace recently patented and perfected by the well known and veteran plumber, Mr. Edward Bourne, No. 45 Market street, a mechanic for whose skill and judgment hundreds in this community can vouch. Mr. Bourne being aware that most of the devices for dispensing with open fire places is astonishing, has set about simply touching a knob a system of clockwork work in motion at the Atlantic & Pacific main office, which carries a white paper ribbon, chemically prepared, that is discolored by the delicate current of electricity, recording indelibly the number of the box from which the call was made. The beauty of the system, of which the Domest c ows a the exclusive patent, is that it is entirely automatic, requiring no attention to receive calls, which are made their mark in the tell-tale paper at all times.

The Precise Place

to get cheap and fashionable head gear is at the Hat, Cap and Fur House of Thos. J. Barnes, No. 117 Wood street. The ladies are hereby notified that furs can be bought cheaper at 117 Wood street than at any other house in the city.

Help for the weak, nervous, and debilitated; chronic and painful diseases cured without medicine. Electric Belts and other appliances, all about them, and how to distinguish the genuine from the spurious. Book, with full particulars, mailed free. Address PULVERMACHER GALVANIC Co., 292 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. D&S

The Grand Central Hotel, the largest in New York, has made another innovation, and "tumbled" its rates from $4.00 to $2.50 and $3.00 per day.

Men's Seal

Caps selling cheap at Jos. Horne & Co.'s, retail, 107 and 109 Penn avenue.

Only $1.00

For a nice pair of cloth embroidered Slippers, at G. D. Simon's, 78 Ohio street, Allegheny. SM

BREVITIES.

....Forbes street is the resort for sleighing.

....Ice men are not happy, as this luxury will be a drug next summer.

....Select and Common Council will meet on Monday to organize for this year.

....Work on the Pennsylvania railroad bridge at Port Perry will be resumed next spring.

....An enjoyable entertainment was given at Bellevue on Thursday evening by the Eclectic Club.

....Mr. Alexander Bates has donated to the city certain property in the Twenty-sixth ward for a street.

....A tenement house on Herr's Island belonging to McNeill, Dean & Co. was slightly damaged by fire yesterday morning.

....It is punishable with fine and costs to drive a sleigh or sled without bells within the city limits. The idea is to prevent running over pedestrians.

....George Knoepp has been chosen President, Henry Walker Secretary and C. J. Schultz Treasurer of the Humboldt school district Board of Directors.

....The workmen at the File Works, Beaver Falls, are proposing the formation of a society for their mutual protection in cases of sickness and distress.

....The Fort Pitt, Oak Ridge and Mansfield Coal and Coke Companies refuse to pay three cents a bushel for mining, and their works are therefore still idle.

....Frank Hook and Mark Hughes, arrested last Sunday evening on suspicion of stealing a gold watch from a gentleman at one of Mr. Murphy's meetings, were discharged yesterday.

....Our rural brothers, fronting on the paved avennes, were laughing all over their faces when they read the GAZETTE yesterday, but the Boyce living just around the corner can't see it.

....A party of surveyors under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Byers started up the P., V. & C. R. R. yesterday for the purpose of locating the extension of that railroad to Brownsville.

....Presidents Patterson and Hunter, of Allegheny Councils, met last evening and arranged the committees for this year. They will be announced at the meeting of Councils next Tuesday evening.

....Charles Shane, who resides on Adams street, Allegheny, yesterday beat his wife on the head with a club so that Dr. Riggs had to be summoned to attend her. Charles was arrested and placed in the lock-up.

....The Pittsburgh Gas Company's bill against the city for the past six months amounting to $12,366.16. The bill presented by the South Side company for three months which includes charges for repairing lamps, &c., is $4,047.

....The Finance Committee will look into a bill for $2,680 66, for work on the Butler street extension which was commenced and abandoned by the city several years ago. The bill was presented to Select Council on Thursday.

....A defective flue in the house occupied by officer Unger, No. 99 Avery street, Allegheny, was set on fire yesterday afternoon. The Gen Grant engine company extinguished the fire. No damage was done and no alarm was sounded.

....The temperance excitement has reached New Brighton. A meeting was held there a few days ago, at which Rev. J. A. Swaney and Mrs. Mertz, of this city, delivered addresses. One hundred and three persons signed the pledge.

....The snow on some of the country roads is drifted to the depth of eighteen feet. Farmers are frequently compelled to abandon the roads and take to the fields. The demand for sleighs in the city exceeds the ability of the manufacturers to furnish them.

....The fact that time waits for no one was practically illustrated to Mr. Mulholland, engineer of the Castle Shannon Incline yesterday morning. He was at work about the machinery engine, and left his watch lying on a bench, but it wasn't there when he wanted it.

....The case of Tarr and others vs. McCloskey, arising out of the explosion of the boiler of the Tigress, in November, 1875, is creating considerable interest among river men. Several well known employees, and Judge Ewing's court room has been extensively patronized by them all week.

....Mr. Jacob Gilman, an express messenger upon whom, a Harrisburg paper stated, the gate keeper at the Union Depot in this city committed a brutal assault a few weeks ago, arrived in the city yesterday and started to Depot Master Butler that it was not the gate keeper, nor any employe of the Railroad Company who committed the assault.

....It is said that the depreciation which has taken place in real estate will result in a loss to the stockholders of the Diamond Savings Bank, of Allegheny, which is about to be dissolved. The bank was started in 1869, and was presided over by President B. B. Francis, Esq., Cashier. Three years ago its deposits were $340,000, but now are given at about $60,000.

....Capt. John Dippold and Capt. Sharp McDonald, of this city, contractors for delivering stone for the dyke in Ead's jetties, will get none of the first $500,000 to be paid to Capt. Eads in accordance with their contract. This is that he is to receive $500,000 when the river reaches a depth of twenty-four feet, and $500,000 per foot until the required depth of thirty feet is reached.

....L. Crawford & Co., of this city, have instituted a suit in Cleveland against the Pennsylvania company, claiming damages to the amount of $164,000 for alleged unjust discrimination in freight over the lines operated and controlled by said company. The plaintiffs allege that they have been compelled to pay higher freight rates than other companies in the same business.

....The Board of Insurance Underwriters yesterday adopted a series of resolutions expressing regret at the death of Colonel B. Livingstone, late Fire Marshal. The Board decided that until a successor to Mr. Livingstone shall be appointed they would recognize Assistant Fire Marshal, Mr. J. B. McFadden, and his office, and as authorized to continue the duties so faithfully performed by the deceased. The Board will attend Mr. Livingstone's funeral in a body.

....A meeting of Upper Creek oil producers was held at Titusville on Thursday evening. They adopted a resolution inviting the producers of the upper region to enter into an agreement not to sell oil below a certain price. A committee was appointed to carry this resolution into effect by canvassing the districts and securing names. They claim to be the victims of a monopoly or combination which yields them from fifteen to twenty cents a barrel less for their oil than the value of the actual shipment market.

....The Board of State Charities has endorsed the proposition to transform the old Reform School buildings into an intermediate prison. A committee has been appointed to draft a bill to be presented to the Legislature at once, making necessary provisions in the matter. The State will have to assume the bonded indebtedness that rests on the old buildings, amounting to $183,832.13, payable in eight annual installments, all to be paid by 1885. Meantime the prison inspectors will ask the State for an appropriation of $75,000 to adapt the institution to prison purposes.

PERSONAL.

....City Clerk Morrow never had a sleigh ride.

....Building Inspector Reed has joined Murphy's army.

....Postmaster Anderson will be inaugurated on Monday.

....R. M. Sibbett has sold the Connellsville *Tribune* to S. J. Hayes.

....Controller Snodgrass always sets up the cigars for the Finance Committee.

....Mr. W. W. Nisbet was a member of the Water Committee for about an hour and a half.

....Hon. John McKinley, of Mercer, formerly Treasurer of Venango county, died at Mercer last Tuesday.

....Scharff expresses his willingness to accommodate Hanlon with a single scull race, and is confident of his ability to lay him out.

....Capt. John A. Fox's last afternoon's attendance at City Hall as a Common Councilman was spent as President *pro tem.* of that body.

....Miss Rose McCleary, of this city, is pronounced by the Brookville *Jeffersonian* an elocutionist of more than ordinary attainments.

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